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In drawing up the following report on the administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, the plan adopted in preparing that for 1877 has been adhered to. The forms of statement appended to this report, however, differ from those hitherto in use, these having been revised in correspondence with the Government of India. The new forms of statement contain much information not hitherto given. Their adoption for the past year has, however, been attended with this disadvantage, that the compilation of the report has been much delayed. Certain district officers have found a difficulty in preparing the local returns, and in several instances these have reached the Court, after many months' delay, in a condition which necessitated their being returned for revision,—in some cases, more than once.

It is the wish of the Judges to place their report in the hands of Government within the first half of the year immediately following that to which it relates. In this matter, however, they are entirely dependent on local officers, for, until correct returns are received from every district, the totals for the whole province cannot be cast up. With the experience gained this year, most of the difficulty experienced in the preparation of the statements in the new forms should not recur, and the Judges trust that by increased attention district officers will secure the correct preparation and punctual submission of their returns in future.

The districts included in the present report are the same as those dealt with in the last one. As explained in it, those districts are omitted in which the Local Government itself superintends the administration of justice. To this rule to a certain extent the Sonthal Pergunnahs forms an exception. Although no returns are received by the Court from the Magistrates in that district, commitments made by them are tried by the Judges of Beerbhoom and Bhaugulpore. These cases are included in the returns of the latter officers.

In accordance with a wish expressed by the Government of India, returns have been called for from the Presidency Magistrates of Calcutta. It has not been found practicable to obtain the figures for last year in sufficient detail to admit of their being incorporated in all the statements appended to the present report, but it is hoped that in future the Magistrates will be able to submit their returns in the prescribed forms.

Including Calcutta, the area of the districts included in the present report is 138,896 square miles, and the population 59,300,575 souls. The figures given in Statement 1 do not agree exactly with those submitted last year, because, under the orders of Government, alterations have been made in the figures representing the area and population of several districts.

Districts included in the Report. *See Statement I.*

As explained in last report, the whole of the area included in the report is subject to the operation of the Indian Penal Code and of the Code of Criminal Procedure, but the latter Act does not apply to the Courts of Presidency Magistrates, or to the proceedings of the High Court in the exercise of its original criminal jurisdiction.

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

In Calcutta there are two divisions, each presided over by a Stipendiary Presidency Magistrate, besides whom there are in all 48 Honorary Presidency Magistrates. Appeals from the decisions of these Magistrates lie to the High Court in its appellate jurisdiction. Commitments are tried by the said Court in the exercise of its original jurisdiction.

Sessions Judges. In the interior the number of Sessions Judges of all grades at the close of the year was 33, the same as at the close of 1877. In the current year certain re-arrangements of jurisdictions have been made, involving the constitution of a new Civil and Session Division including the districts of Bogra and Pubna.

District Magistrates. The number of District Magistrates at the end of 1878 was 42, the same as at the end of the previous year. As explained in last report, the Deputy Commissioners of Hazareebagh, Lohardugga, Manbhoom and Singhbhoom are vested with the special powers defined in Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code.

Ditto with special powers under Sec. 36, C. P. C.

Including District Magistrates, but excluding Presidency Magistrates in Calcutta, the total number of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1877 and 1878 respectively was as follow:—

	1877.	1878.
Stipendiary	371	394
Honorary	1,104	1,033
TOTAL ...	1,475	1,427

The increase of 23 in the number of Stipendiary Magistrates in 1878 may be due to fewer officers being on leave at the close of the year, for the Court has had no notice of any increase to the ordinary staff. The decrease of 71 in the number of Honorary Magistrates is probably real. The number is, it is to be feared, susceptible of a considerable further decrease if all those were eliminated who gave no assistance in the trial of cases during the year.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

In last year's report it was explained that the Court had directed local officers to omit false cases from their returns altogether. As the Government of India, however, expressed some apprehension lest this practice should lead to abuse, a different plan has been followed on the present occasion. In Tables A and B the whole number of offences reported, the number struck off as false, and the number of complaints rejected under Section 147 are separately exhibited, while in Statements C, D, E and F the number of cases returned as true and the number of persons convicted are shown.

The figures now given vary from those given last year owing to the omission of all miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure, a new statement having been provided to show these cases separately. The destruction of the Court-houses at Julpigoree by fire has prevented the correct preparation of the returns for that district. In particular it has not been possible to ascertain the number of cases struck off as false, and of complaints rejected in 1877. It has therefore been assumed that they were the same as in 1878, and the results thus obtained are probably not far from the truth.

The following statement shows the number of offences reported in each of the past two years, the number of cases to be deducted, and the number returned as true:—

	1877.	1878.
Number of offences reported	192,595	203,113
„ complaints rejected	17,673	21,670
„ cases struck off as false	12,770	15,145
„ cases returned as true	162,152	166,299

From this it appears that in the past year there was an increase of 10,518

in the number of offences reported, of 3,997 in the number of complaints rejected, of 2,375 in the number of cases declared to be false, and of 4,147 in the number of cases returned as true.

The details given in Statement A show that under each head the increase has occurred chiefly in respect to offences against property under Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code, and in a less degree in respect to offences affecting the human body under Chapter XVI.

Deducting false cases and rejected complaints, the number of cases returned as true amounted to 82 per cent. of the number reported in the past, as compared with 84 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio varied in 1878 from 72 per cent. as regards offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code, to 97 per cent. as regards offences against public justice and false evidence. The great mass of complaints rejected and of cases struck off as false falls under Chapters XVI and XVII of the Code. Under special laws the number is insignificant.

The details for each district given in Table B indicate a very great variation in the practice of different officers, either in the matter of rejecting complaints and striking off cases, or in the mode of preparing the returns. For example, while in Dacca, Hooghly, Chumparun and Singbhoom upwards of 95 per cent. of the cases reported were accepted as true in 1878, in Pooree and Chittagong more than one-half were rejected, or struck off as false. Bhaugulpore and Monghyr are neighbouring districts similarly circumstanced, yet in the former 53 per cent. only of the cases reported were returned as true, while in the latter 91 per cent. were accepted as such. Not only does the practice vary in different districts, but in the same district, in different years, the variation in results is so great that the figures for successive years cannot be compared so as to produce any satisfactory result. Thus in the Metropolitan district of the 24-Pergunnahs, where, if anywhere, it should be possible to secure the accurate preparation of the returns, crime is shown to have decreased, the number of true cases being returned as 8,448 in 1878, as compared with 9,422 in 1877. True, the number of offences reported rose from 11,695 in 1877 to 13,716 in 1878, but this increase was absorbed in cases struck off as false, the number of which is shown to have been 2,112 in the past, as compared with 425 in the previous year, and in complaints rejected which numbered 3,156 in 1878, as compared with 1,848 in 1877. In Mymensingh and Rungpore similarly, an excessive increase in the number of cases struck off as false is observable. Although in the case of these districts the result is not to produce an apparent decrease in crime, the increase is reduced much below what it otherwise would be.

The following statement shows the number of true cases, and of persons convicted under the Indian Penal Code and under special laws, respectively, during each of the past two years:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Under the Indian Penal Code .	131,925	135,723	62,646	68,933
„ Special Laws . . .	30,227	30,576	29,137	28,365
TOTAL . .	162,152	166,299	91,783	97,298

From the above it appears that in the past year there was an increase of 3,798 cases under the Penal Code, and of 349 cases under special laws. There was an increase on the whole of 5,515 in the number of persons convicted, but under special laws taken separately there was a decrease of 772.

In last year's report offences were distributed into four grand classes,— three under the Penal Code, and one under special laws. On the present occasion the last of these classes has been retained, but the number of classes under the Penal Code has been increased to nine, as the grouping together of offences of a widely dissimilar character has been found inconvenient. In Tables C, D and E, details are given shewing the number of offences and of persons convicted under each of the ten classes in 1877 and in 1878. From these it appears that in the past year there was an increase of 5,864 true cases and of 5,012 in the number of persons convicted under Chapter XVII of the Penal Code (offences against property); under Chapter XVI (offences affecting

Offences classed.

the human body) there was a decrease of 1,382 in the number of true cases, and a slight increase of 309 in the number of persons convicted; under Chapter XI (offences against public justice and false evidence), there was an increase of 508 in the number of true cases and of 367 in the number of persons convicted; under Chapters XIV and XV (offences affecting the public health, safety, religion, &c.,) there was a similar increase of 334 cases and of 737 convictions. Under the remaining heads a slight decrease occurred.

The following are the districts where the chief increase in the number of true cases of all kinds is reported to have occurred during the past year:—

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Beerbhoom	1,651	2,685	919	1,411
Chittagong	1,616	2,139	1,670	1,795
Gya	4,306	5,655	2,023	2,548
Purneah	2,333	3,458	1,354	1,783
Chumparun	1,481	2,477	986	1,410

The Magistrate of Beerbhoom reports that the increase is due to the better working of the Police, "who have been shaken out of their old delusion that the less crime they reported, the more credit they would get." In Chittagong the increase of crime is attributed to the distressed condition of the people, owing to the partial failure of the crops. In Backergunge a similar reason is assigned for the increase in crime,—a continuation of bad harvests in that district having, it is said, increased the temptation to commit offences. Apart from this, the Police are said to have fallen into a bad state under a District Superintendent who was dismissed for misconduct. As a result of more efficient supervision in the past year, more crime has been brought to notice.

In the following districts there was a marked decrease in the number of cases returned as true:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Noacolly	4,629	4,005	1,831	2,309
Nuddea	7,683	6,878	2,990	2,845
Durbhunga	3,986	2,811	3,362	1,746
24-Perguunahs	9,422	8,448	7,855	9,358

As already remarked, the decrease in the 24-Pergunnahs is apparent rather than real. The number of persons convicted, it will be observed, has considerably increased. A similar remark might appear to apply in the case of Noacolly, but it is to be observed that in that district there was a decrease in the number of offences reported as well as in the number returned as true. The Magistrate states that "the decrease in offences is chiefly observable in the last half year, and is due to the imposition of severer punishment." The increase in the number of convictions he accounts for by saying that "the Police have been relieved of miscellaneous duties which interfered with their proper work, and at the same time have been brought into far better discipline, so that their work is more promptly done and more thoroughly." He adds that "the Deputy Magistrates have improved, taking care in the cases and disposing of them more promptly." The Judge of Nuddea states that the decrease in that district is noticeable, especially in offences under special laws, and under Chapters XVI and XVII of the Penal Code. He adds that the result, though it is not possible to account for it by any special reason, is, on the whole, satisfactory. The Magistrate of Durbhunga attributes the decrease in offences in his district, partly to the increased exertions of the Police, partly to a decrease in the municipality of petty prosecutions, and partly to the excellent harvest in 1878.

Class I. No cases under Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code were returned as true last year.

Class II. The total number of offences against the public tranquility was slightly less in the past than in the previous year, but there was an increase in the Districts of Backergunge, Furreedpore, Tipperah and Dacca. On the other hand, there was a considerable decrease in East Burdwan and Mymensingh.

Class III. There was, on the whole, a slight increase in the past year in offences relat-

ing to public servants (Chapters IX and X, Indian Penal Code). In Backergunge, East Burdwan, Furreedpore, Noacolly and Mozufferpore the increase was considerable. In Dacca, Shahabad, Tipperah and Manbhoom, on the contrary, there was a marked decrease.

The number of offences against public justice, &c., under Chapter XI, Indian Penal Code, was somewhat greater in 1878 than in 1877. The districts shewing the most marked increase are Backergunge, Monghyr, Hooghly, Jessore and Tipperah, while in Hazareebagh there was a marked decrease. Class IV.

No special remarks are called for with respect to offences relating to coin, stamps, weights and measures under Chapters XII and XIII of the Code. In most districts the number of such offences is insignificant. Class V.

There was a slight increase in the number of offences under Chapters XIV and XV of the Code. Ordinarily, where Municipal Acts or the Conservancy clauses of Police Acts are in force, cases of nuisance are dealt with under them and not under the Penal Code. The figures recorded under this class accordingly represent but a very small portion of the offences to which it refers, the remainder being included under class X. Class VI.

Offences affecting the human body (Chapter XVI, Indian Penal Code) form more than 30 per cent. of the whole number entered in the return. As already stated, there was a decrease, on the whole, last year of 1,382 cases returned as true. The following are the districts where the decrease was most marked:— Class VII.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Bhaugulpore	730	458	307	311
Cuttack	1,600	975	604	470
24-Pergunnahs	2,934	1,913	1,585	2,069
Hazareebagh	527	297	266	269

In the following districts there was a large increase in the number of cases returned as true:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Beerbhoom	679	1,022	266	415
Purneah	741	1,025	311	399
Rungpore	293	688	523	581
Sarun	355	679	422	424

The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
19. Murder	358	319	247	174
21. Culpable homicide	265	255	235	207
30. Serious hurt	739	672	714	637
31,34. Simple hurt and assault	50,358	49,897	17,696	17,969
40. Rape	183	218	57	78

It will be observed that, except under the head of Rape, there has been a decrease in offences of each of the kinds specified. There was, however, a trifling increase in the number of persons convicted of simple hurt or assault.

Offences against property (Chapter XVII, Indian Penal Code) form more than 41 per cent. of the whole number of true cases. There was an increase of 4,930 in the number of offences of this class in the past year. The following are the districts where the increase was most marked:— Class VIII.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878
Beerbhoom	551	1,136	267	510
Gya	2,922	3,734	708	958
Purneah	968	1,586	466	687
Rungpore	404	1,032	590	636
Chumparun	911	1,805	503	732
Shahabad	1,632	2,443	642	1,179

The increase in the number of true cases in Rungpore is excessive, and is probably due to cases in 1877 having been struck off as false too freely. In this district, however, as well as in each of the others named, there was a substantial increase in the number of persons convicted.

In the following districts there was a considerable decrease in the number of offences against property :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Bhaugulpore	1,098	628	424	428
Noacolly	2,118	1,483	815	872
Durbhunga	2,663	1,748	780	716

In Bhaugulpore and Noacolly there was a slight increase in the number of persons convicted of offences under this class, while in Durbhunga there was a slight decrease.

The following statement gives details regarding the chief heads of crime falling under this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
42, 43, 55. Theft and receipt of stolen property	29,387	32,502	15,613	19,285
49—52. Dacoity	143	202	194	217
44—48. Robbery and extortion	1,154	1,125	372	376
61. House-tresspass and burglary	14,313	18,384	2,004	2,725

From this it appears that there has been a material increase in the number of thefts and burglaries which has been accompanied by a very sensible increase in the number of persons convicted of these offences.

Class IX. The total number of offences returned as true under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code was 3,931 in the past, as compared with 4,350 in the previous year. The districts where an increase chiefly occurred were Backergunge, Furreedpore and Jessore. In Mymensingh and Rungpore a considerable decrease occurred.

There is no material variation on the whole in the number of true cases returned in each of the past two years under "Special Laws." There is considerable variation, however, in the figures for individual districts. While in Monghyr, Gya and Midnapore there was a marked increase, in Poorce, Dacca and Furreedpore there was an equally marked decrease.

The following statement gives details of offences under some of the more important special laws :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Cattle Trespass Act	5,601	5,657	1,550	1,552
Stamp Act	188	211	259	305
Excise, Salt and Opium Acts	3,632	3,574	3,975	4,010

	Cases returned as true.	Persons convicted.
Police Acts	8,270	9,305
Municipal Acts	8,119	7,496

In the margin, figures for the past year only are given shewing the operation of the Police and Municipal Acts, offences under which form a very large proportion of the whole.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. *See Statement 3.*

A separate statement of cases under the miscellaneous provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure is appended to this report. The following are the more important proceedings :—

	Number of cases during the year.	Number of persons concerned.
Security to keep the peace	2,432	6,083
Security for good behaviour	1,123	1,169
Abatement of nuisances	1,145	1,752

The number of persons called on to give security, or recognizances to keep the peace, or to give security for good behaviour, during the past three years, was as follows :—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Sureties of the peace	1,999	1,452	1,781
Recognizance	2,643	2,304	2,630
Sureties for good behaviour	3,573	2,062	777

It will be observed that the number of persons in respect to whom the provisions of Chapter 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (to prevent breaches of the peace), were had recourse to was greater in the past than in the previous year, but less than in 1876. The decrease in the number of persons called on, under the provisions of Chapter 38 of the Code, to give security for good behaviour, has been very marked, and is undoubtedly due to a more careful application of the law in consequence of orders issued by the local Government on the subject.

The following are the districts where proceedings were most freely taken under Chapter 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during the past year:— Chapter 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

	Number of cases.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	221	535	689	1,293
Midnapore	89	71	125	528
Furreedpore	316	207	173	401
Tipperah	..	124	...	173
East Burdwan	82	97	297	163

The returns for 1877 do not give the figures for Tipperah separately from those relating to security for good behaviour. In Backergunge the very great increase observable in last year's figures is due to the more vigorous administration in the district, the people of which are notorious for their turbulence. The same remark applies to the neighbouring district of Furreedpore, against which also an increase in the conviction is shown above. In Midnapore nothing special in the condition of the district has come under the notice of the Court to account for the very large increase in the number of convictions. There is reason to fear that the provisions of the Code are applied without proper discrimination by some officers.

The districts in which the greatest number of persons were called on to give security for good behaviour during the past year were the following:— Chapter 38 of ditto.

	Number of cases.		Persons convicted.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878
Chumparun	188	124	152	101
Patna	166	111	138	92
Monghyr	143	57	121	61
Backergunge	88	97	49	44

The districts of Chumparun and Patna head the list in the past as they did in the previous year. Dinagepore, which in 1877 stood third in the list with 160 cases and 123 persons convicted last year, had only 3 cases and 3 persons convicted. Shahabad, which had 645 cases and 502 persons convicted in 1876, returned no cases in 1877, and only 24 cases with 21 convictions in 1878.

The districts with the largest number of cases under Chapter 39 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (abatement of public nusiances) during the past year were those shown in the margin. In Annual Statement 7 it is shown that the number of cases tried by a Jury was 38. The result of those cases was satisfactory, in so far that the verdicts are said to have had the approval of the Magistrate. Chapter 39 of ditto.

	No. of cases.
Mozufferpore	206
24-Pergunnahs	84
Tipperah	85
East Burdwan	72
Nudden	73

The number of cases regarding the possession of land dealt with by Magistrates during the past year was 503. Cases of the kind were most frequent in Jessore (93 cases), 24-Pergunnahs (59 cases), and Backergunge (51 cases). Chapter 40 of ditto.

The number of maintenance cases before the Magistrates in the past year was 1,160, of which 102 were in the 24-Pergunnahs, 86 in Furreedpore, and 78 in East Burdwan. The number of persons acquitted was 402, or somewhat more than the number convicted, which was 352 only. Chapter 41 of ditto.

BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

Two criminal cases were pending on the files at the commencement of 1878, and 63 cases were filed during the year, making a total of 65. Of these, 63 were disposed of on the merits, leaving two undisposed of. In one of these two cases the prisoner, who was charged with theft in a shop, after three previous convictions, was remanded to jail to await the orders of the local Government, the Jury having returned a special verdict that he was of unsound mind and incapable of making his defence.

Two applications for the transfer of cases from the Presidency Magistrates, under Section 147 of Act X of 1875, were made during the year. Both were refused.

A rule was also issued calling upon a Presidency Magistrate to show cause why he should not proceed to examine a complainant under Sections 30 and 33 of Act IV of 1877. On the hearing of the rule, the Presidency Magistrate undertook to comply with it.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

The number of persons brought to trial before the Courts of Session of all grades was 3,209 during the past, as compared with 2,879 in the previous year. The total number of persons whose cases were disposed of was 3,091 in 1878, as compared with 2,921 in 1877; and the number of persons awaiting trial was 427 at the end of the former, as compared with 334 at the end of the latter year.

The following statement shows the total number of persons under trial, and the number of cases decided (with the number of persons concerned) during each of the past two years. The cases of persons who died, escaped, or were transferred, are omitted:—

	Under trial.	Disposed of.	
	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1877	3,255	...	2,900
1878	3,543	1,666	3,091

There was a considerable increase in the number of persons under trial in the following districts:—

	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	233	412
West Burdwan	14	76
Gya	75	148
Midnapore	116	165
Tipperah	105	137
Hazareebagh	22	87

There was, on the contrary, a decrease in the following districts:—

	1877.	1878.
Dacca	208	134
Rajshahye and Pubna	222	106
Rungpore and Bogra	179	145
Mozufferpore and Durbhunga	125	102

The following statement shows the number of cases decided, and of the persons concerned in them, in the districts where the increase of work was most marked:—

	Cases.		Persons.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	84	138	175	337
Gya	34	67	47	143
Midnapore	53	80	99	159
Noacolly	18	47	77	127
Patna	55	75	84	112
24-Pergunnahs	61	84	114	131

There was, on the other hand, a considerable decrease in business of the Sessions Court of Dinagepore as shown in the margin. In Dacca, while there was a decrease in the number of persons tried, there was a slight increase in the number of cases disposed of.

	1877.	1878.
Cases ...	77	48
Persons ...	122	71

The increase in the number of persons awaiting trial at the close of the past year occurred chiefly in Backergunge, West Burdwan, Furreedpore and Noacolly. The additional Judge of Chittagong was for a short time deputed to Burrisaul. In the current year it has again been found necessary to give the Judge assistance, owing to the increase in the business coming before the Court of Session.

Of the 3,091 persons whose cases were disposed of during the past year, 1,187 were acquitted or discharged. Including persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under Sections 263 and 287, Criminal Procedure Code, the number convicted was 1,904, or 61·6 per cent., as compared with 1,710, or 59 per cent., in 1877. The result of trials in the past year was least favorable in the following districts:— **Result of trials.**

	Acquitted.		Convicted.		Percentage of Convictions.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Beerbhoom	27	31	10	12	49	27·9
Gya	8	77	39	66	82·9	46·2
Shahabad	21	30	32	27	·60·4	47·3
Rajshahye and Pubna . .	63	38	152	48	70·7	50

It was most favorable in the following districts:—

	Acquitted.		Convicted.		Percentage of Convictions.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
West Burdwan	3	1	7	28	70	93·1
Sarun and Chumparun . . .	55	18	64	108	53·8	85·7
Mozufferpore and Durbhunga . .	34	18	85	73	71	80·2
Rungpore and Bogra . . .	88	36	85	89	51·5	72·8

The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Session was 13,178 in the past, as compared with 11,826 in the previous year, and the amount expended as diet-money was Rs. 13,731, as compared with Rs. 12,244. Including witnesses who were not examined, the total number discharged was 14,495. **Number of witnesses examined.** *See Table K.*

The number of days the witnesses were detained is shown in the margin; the returns received are not complete, and the figures given do not therefore represent results accurately. The details given in Table L, however, show that a very large proportion of the witnesses were kept long in attendance in Chittagong, Gya, Patna and Sarun. **Diet money. Detention of witnesses.** *See Table L.*

Discharged on the 1st day	7,935.
Ditto 2nd „	2,976.
Ditto 3rd „	1,271.
Ditto after 3rd „	2,313.

As was explained in last year's report, trials for offences of the kinds noted in the margin are held with the aid of a Jury in the Sessions Courts of East Burdwan, Hooghly, 24-Pergunnahs, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, Patna and Dacca. As regards other offences in these districts, and all offences in other districts, the trials are ordinarily held with the aid of Assessors. Under Section 236 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Jury may consist of 3, 5, 7 or 9 persons. The number of Assessors usually employed is two. **Trials how conducted.**

Under Chapters 8, 11, 16, 17 and 18 of the Indian Penal Code.

The number of cases tried by Jury was 399 in the past, as compared with 342 in the previous year. In 352 cases the Judge approved of the verdict of the Jury, in 32 cases he wholly disapproved of it, and in 15 cases he partly disapproved of it: 175 persons were concerned in the cases in which the verdict of the Jury had not the approval of the Judge, but in the case of 42 persons only were the provisions of Section 263, Criminal Procedure Code, resorted to. The Judge of East Burdwan (Mr. Field) states that the working of the Jury system during the year was satisfactory on the whole, but that he thinks that some provision ought to be made for a special Jury in cases of unusual difficulty. **Trial by Jury.** *See Statement 7.*

The number of trials held with the aid of Assessors was 1,165 in the past, as compared with 1,002 in the previous year. In 893 cases in the past year **Trials with Assessors.**

the Judge approved of the opinion of the Assessors. In 91 cases he differed from the opinion of one, and in 181 cases, from the opinion of both of them.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V.—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.

Number of persons under trial. *See Table H.*

The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Magistrates was 164,089 in the past, as compared with 153,728 in the previous year. In the margin details are given showing the manner in which the persons brought to trial during 1878 appeared before the Court. In addition to those specified, 391 persons were received on reference, 12 were received by transfer, and 4,355 persons were awaiting trial at the close of the previous year.

Under arrest by Police	77,158
Upon warrant . .	9,635
On summons . .	69,096
Voluntarily . .	3,442

Number of persons whose cases were disposed of

Excluding those who died, escaped, or were transferred, the number of persons whose cases were disposed of was 158,997 in the past, as compared with 149,032 in the previous year. The following are the districts where the largest number of persons were tried during the past year—

	1877.	1878.
24-Pergunnahs	11,419	13,189
Dacca	8,074	7,658
East Burdwan	6,128	7,404
Howrah	6,733	6,858
Jessore	5,401	6,696

These districts are the same as were noticed last year as having the greatest amount of business. Except Jessore, they all must stand high in the list, as the returns received from them are burthened with a proportionately large number of conservancy cases arising under the Police and Municipal Acts in force in the larger towns.

Pending.

The number of persons awaiting trial in the Magistrates' Courts was 4,785 at the close of 1878, as compared with 4,303 at its commencement. The only district where the files were exceptionally heavy was Backergunge, where the number of persons awaiting trial at the close of the year was 358.

Details of persons awaiting trial. *See Table I.*

In the figures just given, miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure are omitted. These are included in the details regarding persons awaiting trial given in the margin. Excluding persons whose trial had been stayed on the ground that they were lunatics, five persons only had been under trial more than six months at the end of 1878. The cases of 89 had been pending more than 3 months, and the cases of 764 more than one month. The promptitude with which in most districts the great mass of cases coming before the Courts is disposed of is creditable to the officers concerned.

On bail . . .	3,937
In lock-up . . .	787
Otherwise . . .	173

Number of cases decided. *See Statement 4.*

The total number of cases disposed of in the Courts of Magistrates during the past year was 104,682. Of these, 1,890 were enquiries under Chapter XV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 60,763 were summons cases under Chapter XVI, and 42,029 were warrant cases under Chapter XVII. Of the summons and warrant cases decided, 77,189 were tried regularly and 25,603 summarily.

Distribution of business.

The following statement shows the number of cases disposed of by the Courts of the several grades in 1878, and the number of persons concerned in them :—

	Cases.	Persons.
Special Magistrates	253	1,125
Honorary "	3,007	4,075
Stipendiary "	84,367	131,216
Benches of "	14,117	18,089
District "	2,703	4,148

Besides the above, District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 235 cases, in which 344 persons were concerned, who were referred to them for sentence by Subordinate Magistrates under Section 46 of the Code. These references often involve the re-hearing of the entire case, and the Court has therefore thought it proper that the cases should be entered against the Magistrates who deal with them. At the same time, the Magistrates who make the reference continue to exhibit the cases in their returns also.

Cases dealt with under Sec. 36, C. P. C.

Of the cases shown above to have been disposed of by District Magistrates, 10 were cases decided by Deputy Commissioners by virtue of the powers vested in them by Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code. The number of persons concerned in these case was 51. The Deputy Commissioners of the Districts named in the margin decided the number of cases entered against each. The Deputy Commissioners of Singbhoom and Darjeeling, although vested with the powers in question, did not exercise them during the year under report.

Hazareebagh	3
Lohardugga	1
Manbhoom	4
Julpigoree	2

Results of trial.

Omitting persons entered as committed or referred, and persons who died, escaped or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided was 155,466. Of these, 95,397 or 67·8 per cent. were convicted, and 60,069 were acquitted or discharged. The mode of trial and the sentence passed in the case of persons convicted is shown in the following table :—

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Appealable sentences passed	44,679	3,373
Non-appealable " "	26,732	20,613
TOTAL	71,411	23,986

From this it appears that of those persons who were convicted on summary trial, 14·6 per cent. only had the right of appeal, while of those tried regularly 62·6 had this right.

The Courts by which the 23,986 persons who were convicted summarily were tried, were as follows :—

Honorary Magistrates	562
Stipendiary "	14,106
Benches of "	8,037
District "	1,281

It will be observed that a little more than one-third of the convictions were obtained before Benches of Magistrates. These Benches ordinarily consist of one or more Honorary Magistrates, associated with a Stipendiary Magistrate. The Honorary Magistrates, however, sit independently to try petty conservancy cases and the like.

The following statement shows the result of trials, as affecting persons before the Magistrates of each class :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	735	390	34·6
Honorary "	1,806	2,901	61·6
Stipendiary "	50,753	77,135	60·4
Benches of "	6,183	11,920	66·
District "	1,231	2,752	69·

The percentage of convictions before Special Magistrates is very small, but this is probably the result of the nature of the cases tried by them. In the Courts of Honorary Magistrates and of Benches of Magistrates, the results were fairly good. The percentage of convictions was greater than in cases tried by Stipendiary Magistrates.

Percentage of convictions. *See Table J.*

In Statement J details are given for each district, shewing the general result of trials, the percentage of convictions being shown for each district, as regards offences under the Penal Code, and offences under special laws separately. There is little to remark on the statement beyond an improvement in the results obtained in Monghyr, Hazareebaugh and Darjeeling, and a falling-off in Chittagong and Tipperah.

Number of witnesses examined. *See Table K.*

The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates was 389,653 in the past, as compared with 376,152 in the previous year. The details given in Table K afford a fair index to the comparative amount of work devolving on the Criminal Courts in the different districts. According to this test the districts where work was heaviest during the past year were 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca and Backergunge, and the districts where it was lightest were Singbhoom, Darjeeling and West Burdwan.

Diet-money.

The amount of diet-money paid to witnesses in the Magistrates' Courts was Rs. 10,828 in the past, as compared with Rs. 10,715 in the previous year. The amounts so disbursed are quite insignificant, considering the number of witnesses

examined, and the details for different districts show that the payments can be made on no fixed principle.

Number of witnesses discharged. *See Statement L.*

The following statement shows the detention of witnesses in the Magistrates' Courts, as recorded in the local returns. The number of witnesses—

Discharged on the 1st day was	34,6028
Ditto ditto 2nd ditto	38,695
Ditto ditto 3rd ditto	7,136
Ditto after the 3rd ditto	1,800

The figures given include witnesses discharged without examination. The returns, if correct, indicate generally a commendable diligence in the despatch of business. In Backergunge, a district where, as already noted, criminal business is heavy, many witnesses were detained longer than is ordinarily desirable, but this was unavoidable. In Purneah the returns are not altogether favourable, for, while the discharge of many witnesses was much delayed, work is not exceptionally heavy.

VI.—PUNISHMENTS.

High Court. *See Statement 5.*

Of the persons convicted in the past year by the High Court on its Original Side, one was sentenced to death, nine to transportation, thirty-five to rigorous imprisonment, and two to simple imprisonment.

On the Appellate Side of the Court, in cases referred to it under Section 263, Criminal Procedure Code (that is, in cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the decision of the Jury), one person was sentenced to death, five to transportation, and twenty to rigorous imprisonment. In cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 287 for confirmation of sentence of death passed by them, the sentences were ordered to be carried out in the case of 49 persons, and in the case of 10 persons the sentence was commuted to one of transportation for life, or for a term.

Courts of Session.

The sentences passed by Courts of Session during the past two years were as follows :—

		1877.	1878.
Death		81	67
Transportation	for life	160	176
	for a term	133	90
Imprisonment	simple	10	9
	rigorous	1,307	1,522
Fine		131	149
Whipping		14	18

The results are affected by the increase in the number of convictions in 1878, but otherwise are very similar in both years.

In the case of 6 boys the sentences passed were commuted to detention in a Reformatory school.

In the past year in the case of 22 persons, fine, and of 12 persons, whipping were the sole punishments inflicted. In the case of the remaining persons who were sentenced to be fined or whipped, imprisonment was inflicted as an additional punishment.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded were as follows :—

	1877.	1878.
Not exceeding 15 days	30	8
" " 6 months	195	172
" " 2 years	444	414
" " 7 years	778	865
Above 7 years	118	72

The fines imposed in 1878 amounted to Rs. 17,725 as compared with Rs. 60,582 in 1877. The amount of old and new fines realized during the year was Rs. 19,652.

Courts of Magistrates.

The following statement shows the sentences imposed in the Courts of Magistrates during the past two years :—

		1877.	1878.
Fine	With imprisonment	4,433	5,206
	Without "	63,508	63,543
Whipping	Sole punishment	2,595	3,586
	Additional punishment	286	333
Imprisonment	Rigorous	23,563	27,474
	Simple	1,069	981

It will be observed that there has been an increase in sentences of rigorous imprisonment and of whipping. Cases in which the imprisonment ordered was simple have decreased. In the case of 17 boys the sentences passed were commuted to detention in a Reformatory school. Imprisonment.

The following are the details of the periods for which imprisonment was ordered in the sentences passed in 1877 and 1878, respectively:—

	1877.	1878.
Not exceeding 15 days	5,828	5,619
" " 6 months	14,879	17,592
" " 2 years	3,831	5,767
" " 7 years	94	75

The increase has been most marked in the case of sentences for periods exceeding 6 months. There has been a slight decrease in the number of sentences imposing short terms of imprisonment not exceeding 15 days.

The number of persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment who were directed to be kept in solitary confinement was 61 only as compared with 63 in the previous year. The fact that in many districts difficulty would be experienced in carrying out sentences in which solitary confinement was ordered, may account for the small number of sentences of the kind. Were proper provision made for giving effect to them, it might be possible to reduce considerably the periods for which imprisonment is ordered, and yet to increase the severity of the sentences by requiring the prisoners to be kept in solitary confinement for a portion of the time.

The following statement shows in detail the sentences of whipping passed during the past two years:—

	1877.	1878.
10 stripes and under	988	1,422
20 ditto ditto	1,375	1,710
30 ditto ditto	518	782

There has been a considerable increase under each head, but more especially in cases in which the number of stripes inflicted did not exceed ten.

The total amount of fines imposed and realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation during each of the past two years, was as follows:— Fines imposed. *See Table M.*

	Total amount of fines. Rs.	Amount realized. Rs.	Amount paid as compensation. Rs.
1877	665,456	476,340	43,976
1878	737,689	598,556	61,997

The above figures refer to all Courts, and include cases not shown in Statement 5. In Backergunge there has been a remarkable increase in the amount of fines imposed, this having been Rs. 44,930 in the past as compared with Rs. 21,504 in the previous year. In Dinagepore the increase which proportionately is still greater, it is explained that the result is due to the estreating of a single bail bond for Rs. 10,000. In Gya where there has been a similar increase, no explanation has been offered of the result.

An increase in the amount of fines realized has followed the increase in the amount imposed. The figures given include amounts realized on account of fines imposed in previous years. This accounts for the fact that in Rajshahye Rs. 27,815 were realized, while the fines imposed amounted only to Rs. 14,851.

There was a large increase on the whole in the amount paid by way of compensation during the past year. Rs. 15,000 of this, in the Rajshahye return, was paid in a single case. In other districts there is considerable variation from year to year in the amount paid, and in many cases it is quite insignificant. For example, in Monghyr, where the fines imposed amounted to Rs. 21,359, the compensation awarded amounted only to Rs. 319.

VII.—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

The returns submitted by the Presidency Magistrates for the past year were not in sufficient detail to admit of the figures being incorporated with the returns from Courts in the interior. They show, however, that the total number of persons dealt with was 28,889, of whom 1,671 were discharged or acquitted, 27,080 convicted, and 102 committed to the High Court.

The total number of cases disposed of was 23,550, of which 23,370 were tried by Stipendiary Magistrates sitting alone, and 180 by Benches of Magistrates.

The results of trial as affecting persons tried by each class of tribunal, were as follows :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of Convictions.
Stipendiary Magistrates	1,569	26,927	94·5
Benches of "	102	153	60·
TOTAL	1,671	27,080	94·2

The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates :—

Imprisonment { Rigorous	2,084
Imprisonment { Simple	259
Fine	21,541
Whipping	337

The following are the details of punishments under each head :—

Fine.

Not exceeding Rs. 10	20,972
" " " 50	476
" " " 100	66
" " " 500	26
" " " 1,000	1

Imprisonment.

Not exceeding 15 days	850
" " 6 months	1,264
" " 2 years	219

Whipping.

10 Stripes and under	229
20 " " "	102

In the case of 17 boys, the sentences passed were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed, disposed of and pending.

The number of appeals from the decisions of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal filed, decided and pending in the High Court in each of the past three years was as follows :—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Filed	682	616	647
Disposed of	665	642	653
Pending	66	40	34

The number of appeals filed in 1878 was greater by 28 than the number filed in 1877, but was less by 38 than the number filed in 1876.

In the following statement details are given as regards the classes of Courts against whose decisions the appeals coming before the Court in 1878 were filed :—

Courts whose decision were the subject of appeal.

	Appeals from the decisions of			
	Sessions Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Presidency Magistrates.	Total.
Filed	632	6	9	647
Disposed of	638	6	9	653
Pending	33	1	...	34

Result of appeals.

Omitting cases which did not come to a hearing, the following table shows the manner in which the appeals disposed of during the past three years were decided, as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts :—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Affirmed	564	522	546
Reversed	48	60	46
Varied	46	55	55
Remanded	6	4	3

From the above it appears that the decisions of the Lower Courts were affirmed in 84 per cent. of the cases decided in 1878, as compared with 81·4 per cent. in 1877, and 84·9 per cent. in 1876.

The following statement gives details for Courts of each class as regards the appeals decided in 1878:—

	Appeals from the decisions of		
	Sessions Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Presidency Magistrates.
Affirmed	533	5	8
Reversed	46	1	1
Varied	55	...	...
Remanded	3	...	...
TOTAL	637	6	9

Appeals under Sec. 272, C. P. C.

The figures given above include three appeals by the Government against judgments of acquittal. Two of these were successful. The third was pending at the close of the year.

IX.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Number of appeals filed, disposed of and pending. *See Table N.*

The number of appeals preferred, disposed of and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges during the past two years was as follows:—

	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
To Sessions Judges	2,897	2,959	2,785	2,985	151	120
„ District Magistrates	2,132	1,910	2,034	1,899	105	107
TOTAL	5,029	4,860	4,819	4,884	256	227

There was some increase in the number of appeals filed and decided in the Courts of Sessions Judges, and a decrease in the number filed and decided in the Courts of District Magistrates in the past year. The numbers of appeals pending at the close of the year was small, being only 227 for the whole province. The only Courts where the number of appeals pending was more than ten were the Courts of the Sessions Judges of Backergunge and of Sarun, and of the District Magistrate of Dacca.

Including both the Courts of Session and of District Magistrates, the only districts in which more than 200 appeals were preferred during the past year were the following:—

	1877.	1878.
Dacca	257	319
Backergunge	224	289
Jessore	234	249
24-Pergunnahs	280	240
Noacolly	239	229
Mymensingh	230	224
Shahabad	190	205
Furreedpore	236	203

There was a considerable increase in the number of appeals filed in Dacca, Backergunge and Jessore, and a slight decrease in Furreedpore and Noacolly.

Number of Appellants. *See Table O.*

The number of persons who appealed to the Appellate Courts in the interior during the past year, was 8,477, or 18 per cent. (nearly) of the whole number of persons in respect to whom appealable orders were passed by Magistrates.

Ratio of Appellants to persons having an appeal.

In different districts, the proportion of persons having the right to appeal who made use of it varies very much. The ratio exceeded 30 per cent. in Furreedpore and Cuttack, and 25 per cent. in Jessore, Backergunge, Rajshahye, Tipperah and the 24-Pergunnahs. It did not exceed 5 per cent. in Bhagulpore, Howrah, Hazareebagh, Lohardugga and Singhbhoom.

Appellants who were unsuccessful.

In the case of 5,199 persons, or 62 per cent. of the whole number whose appeals were decided, the decision of the Lower Court was affirmed. The proportion of appellants who were thus unsuccessful was abnormally great in Bhagulpore, Pooree, Gya, Moorshedabad, Rajshahye, Bogra, Chumparun, 24-

Pergunnahs and Hazareebagh. The proportion who succeeded was exceptionally great in Midnapore, Nuddea and Mozufferpore.

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE AND REVISION.

THE HIGH COURT.

The following table shows the number of cases dealt with by the High Court as a Court of Reference during the past year, excluding cases arising in Assam, which are separately shown in the Report for that Province:—

	Pending from 1877.	Filed.	Disposed of.	Pending 1878.
References under Section 287, Act X of 1872 .	8	52	54	6
Ditto under Section 263, Act X of „ .	4	23	25	2
Ditto under Section 240, Act IV of 1877 .	...	5	5	...
Ditto under Section 80, Act XVII of 1875	...	1	1	...
TOTAL . .	12	81	85	8

The following statement shows the districts from which the references under Section 263 disposed of last year were received, and the results of the references:—

	Number of cases in which the finding of the Jury was		
	Reversed or modified.	Confirmed.	Total.
Burdwan	...	2	2
Dacca	3	2	5
Hooghly	3	1	4
Moorshedabad	1	1	2
Nuddea	3	1	4
Patna	5	1	6
24-Pergunnahs	...	2	2
TOTAL . .	15	10	25

It thus appears that the references made were justified by the results in 15 cases, or 60 per cent. of the whole number decided.

Result of references under Section 287, C. P. C.

The number of persons concerned in the references under Section 287 which were before the Court in the past year was 81. In the case of 49 persons the sentence of death was confirmed. In the case of 13 persons it was commuted for a less severe punishment. In the case of 12 persons the proceedings of the Courts of Session were reversed and the accused acquitted.

Revision.

The total number of cases dealt with by the High Court under its powers of revision during the past year (excluding cases arising in Assam) was 466. Of these, 21 were pending at the close of the previous year, and 445 were referred for the orders of the Court by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges, or came before the Court on motion or otherwise during the year.

Results of Revision.

The following statement shows the result, as affecting persons, of the proceedings of the High Court as a Court of Revision during the past year:—

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.	Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Magistrates	219	190	27	65	11
Sessions Judges	—	4	4	2	24
TOTAL .	219	194	31	67	35

The orders reversed in the case of three persons were those of the Sessions Court of Rajshahye, and in the case of one person that of the Sessions Court of Bhaugulpore. In the case of three persons the orders of the Sessions Court of Rungpore were varied, and in the case of one person, that of the Sessions Court of Backergunge.

As regards Magistrates whose orders were reversed, the cases of 23 persons were from Jessore, of 18 from Gya, and of 13 from Rungpore.

Omitting cases "otherwise disposed of," it appears that the orders of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied in the cases of 225 persons, or 44 per cent. of the whole.

SUBORDINATE COURTS.

The following table shows the number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of and pending in the Courts of the District Magistrates and of the Sessions Judges during each of the past two years:— Applications for revision. *See Table P.*

	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Courts of Session . . .	695	687	674	692	53	48
District Magistrates . . .	819	772	803	745	16	42
TOTAL . .	1,514	1,459	1,477	1,437	69	90

As regards Courts of Session, the applications for revision are most numerous in Midnapore, Mymensingh and Mozufferpore. In no other district were they so many as 50 in number. In the Courts of Magistrates the applications were most numerous in Backergunge (189 cases), Mymensingh (88 cases), Furreedpore (70 cases), and the 24-Pergunnahs (61 cases); in no other district did the number of applications exceed 40.

The results of the applications for revision, as affecting persons, are stated to have been as follows:—

	In the Courts of		
	District Magistrates.	Sessions Judges.	Total.
The orders of the Lower Courts affirmed	187	214	401
Ditto reversed . .	49	...	49
Further enquiry ordered . .	135	77	212
Referred to the High Court .	51	181	232
TOTAL . .	422	472	894

From the above it appears that 44·2 per cent. of the applicants in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates were unsuccessful in cases admitted to a hearing. As regards the remainder, the applications were allowed to the extent of further enquiry being ordered, or a reference made to the High Court in the case of 460 persons.

FINANCIAL.

Two statements are appended to this report which are intended to show the cost of the Criminal Courts in the year under review. The fact that nearly all Magistrates are employed also in the Revenue Department, and that some of them and all Sessions Judges are also employed in the administration of Civil Justice, causes a difficulty in the apportionment of their salaries which form the chief item in the cost of the Criminal Courts. The plan followed in the report on Civil Justice has been adopted in the present report also of debiting a share of the salaries to each Department according to the number of working days each officer was employed in it. In many districts, however, an exact record of the manner in which the time of each officer was spent is not available, and a rough estimate has accordingly been adopted as the basis of the calculation.

Following the plan above described, it appears that the total charges of the Criminal Courts in the interior during the past year amounted to Rs. 21,46,657. Deducting the receipts, which are stated to have been Rs. 9,82,172, the deficit, or net charge to the Government, was Rs. 11,64,485, or somewhat more than one-half of the gross charge. The details given in Table R show that in every district there was a deficit, or excess of charge which had to be borne by the Government. At the Presidency, however, the receipts amounting to Rs. 62,809 were considerably in excess of the charges, which amounted to Rs. 42,715. The result was a surplus of Rs. 20,094. Cost of the Criminal Courts in 1878. *See Statement R*

Details of receipts and charges, 1878. *See Statement R1.*

The following statement shows the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the interior in detail:—

	Stamps.		Cash.	
	Process Fees. Rs.	Other Fees. Rs.	Fines. Rs.	Miscellaneous. Rs.
Magistrates' Courts .	1,28,719	1,80,968	5,97,574	51,984
Sessions Courts . .	93	2,798	19,571	465
TOTAL .	1,28,812	1,83,766	6,17,145	52,449

The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts:—

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.	Establishments.		Contingencies and Refunds.
		Process Servers.	Others.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Magistrates' Courts .	11,96,946	74,076	3,17,656	1,96,187
Courts of Session . .	3,26,723	...	10,227	24,842
TOTAL .	15,23,669	74,076	3,27,883	2,21,029

No charges are entered in the above table on account of leave or pensionary allowances, or for expenditure incurred by other departments, such as for buildings, printing, stationery, &c. The Court has no information as to the amount of such charges, but allowance must be made for them in considering the results exhibited above.

STATEMENTS.

A.

Comparative Table shewing the total number of offences of each class reported, of complaints rejected and struck off as false, and of cases returned as true in 1877 and 1878.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected. Section 147 C. P. C.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code ...	2	1	...	...	...	1	100	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII ...	2,964	2,727	179	194	322	209	83	85
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X ...	4,824	4,787	132	170	163	65	94	95
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	2,786	3,254	63	46	51	28	96	97
Offences relating to coins, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII	439	379	15	13	9	6	94	95
Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	1,516	1,822	35	39	54	23	94	96
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI ...	63,719	64,742	9,329	10,580	2,694	3,848	81	77
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	79,093	87,720	5,775	8,087	8,947	10,330	81	79
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	5,530	5,419	996	1,159	184	329	79	72
Total offences under the Penal Code ...	160,873	170,851	16,524	20,288	12,424	14,839	82	79
Offences under Special Laws ...	31,722	32,262	1,149	1,382	346	306	95	94
GRAND TOTAL ...	192,595	203,113	17,673	21,670	12,770	15,145	84	82

B.

Comparative Table shewing for each district the total number of offences reported, of complaints rejected and struck off as false, and of cases returned as true in 1877 and 1878.

DISTRICT.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected under section 147 C. P. C.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	6,519	7,712	957	1,253	397	554	79	76
Beerbhoom	1,781	2,899	106	100	24	114	92	92
Bhaugulpore	3,783	4,073	584	1,334	502	557	71	53
Monghyr	5,008	5,100	441	221	244	199	86	91
Burdwan, East	7,996	8,216	744	817	773	655	81	82
Burdwan, West	1,260	1,074	2	33	23	29	98	94
Chittagong	3,464	4,732	1,695	2,386	153	207	46	45
Cuttack	5,154	4,719	963	917	350	320	74	73
Pooree	5,329	4,684	2,070	2,021	818	393	45	48
Balasore	3,368	3,526	383	270	593	390	71	81
Dacca	10,962	10,126	151	116	93	71	97	98
Dinagepore	2,803	2,859	56	99	153	74	92	93
Maldah	1,868	1,940	322	777	50	43	80	57
Furreedpore	7,127	6,998	211	97	507	287	89	94
Gya	4,962	6,282	69	90	587	537	86	90
Hooghly	4,837	4,790	54	32	51	144	97	96
Howrah	6,860	7,209	170	338	373	183	92	92
Jessore	7,095	7,654	392	281	603	429	85	90
Midnapore	7,324	7,966	397	687	607	607	86	83
Moorshedabad	6,139	5,960	464	477	456	438	84	84
Mymensingh	9,017	9,467	1,080	947	657	1,152	80	77
Noakhally	4,891	4,207	90	76	172	126	94	95
Nuddea	9,167	7,961	831	587	653	496	83	86
Patna	5,953	5,901	105	80	331	402	92	91
Purneah	3,159	4,540	405	613	421	469	73	76
Rajshahye	3,499	3,816	63	181	343	512	88	81
Pubna	3,250	3,081	181	357	122	119	90	84
Rungpore	2,461	4,581	465	933	330	1,125	67	55
Bogra	2,311	2,218	170	191	15	19	91	90
Sarun	3,774	4,187	376	300	240	293	83	85
Chumparun	1,630	2,574	8	25	141	72	90	96
Shahabad	4,628	5,973	134	144	257	694	91	85
Tipperah	5,460	5,612	399	523	68	117	91	88
Mozufferpore	3,516	3,254	295	188	258	255	84	86
Durbhungah	4,507	3,373	144	270	377	292	88	83
24-Pergunnahs	11,695	13,716	1,848	3,156	425	2,112	80	61
Hazareebagh	2,721	2,530	273	255	169	227	83	80
Lohardugga	1,800	1,583	113	91	161	99	84	88
Manbhoom	2,152	2,621	108	79	112	158	89	90
Singhbhoom	434	428	10	2	4	9	96	97
Darjeeling	1,265	1,309	40	22	33	42	94	95
Julpigooree	1,666	1,662	304	304	124	124	74	74
TOTAL ...	192,595	203,113	17,673	21,670	12,770	15,145	84	82

C.

Comparative table shewing the number of offences returned as true, of persons acquitted and convicted, and the percentage convicted.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII ...	2,463	2,324	2,780	2,779	5,728	6,027	67	68
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X ...	4,529	4,552	2,472	2,416	5,706	5,348	69	68
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	2,672	3,180	1,402	1,634	1,774	2,141	55	56
Offences relating to coins, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII	415	360	143	178	362	344	71	65
Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	1,427	1,761	473	385	1,537	2,274	76	85
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI ...	51,696	50,314	19,261	19,657	20,937	21,246	52	52
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	64,371	69,301	22,182	24,796	25,701	30,713	53	55
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	4,350	3,931	2,208	2,487	901	840	29	25
Total offences under the Penal Code ...	131,925	135,723	50,921	54,332	62,646	68,933	55	55
Offences under Special Laws ...	30,227	30,576	6,187	6,924	29,137	28,365	82	80
GRAND TOTAL ...	162,152	166,299	57,108	61,256	91,783	97,298	61	61

D.

Comparative table shewing for each district the number of cases accepted as true, persons acquitted and convicted, and the percentage convicted.

DISTRICT.	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge...	5,165	5,905	2,081	2,597	2,823	3,152	57	54
Beerbhoom	1,651	2,685	649	950	919	1,411	58	59
Bhaugulpore...	2,697	2,182	1,055	1,097	1,547	2,004	59	64
Mongbyr	4,323	4,680	1,734	1,551	2,484	3,118	58	66
Burdwan, East	6,479	6,744	2,243	2,791	3,938	4,608	63	62
Burdwan, West	1,235	1,012	465	403	619	576	57	58
Chittagong	1,616	2,139	1,021	1,486	1,670	1,795	62	54
Cuttack...	3,841	3,482	2,029	1,402	1,945	2,111	48	60
Pooree	2,441	2,270	1,486	1,408	2,540	2,301	63	62
Balasore	2,392	2,866	1,055	1,048	1,156	1,344	52	56
Dacca	10,718	9,989	2,969	2,873	5,105	4,753	63	62
Dinagepore	2,594	2,686	971	900	1,302	1,433	57	61
Maldah	1,496	1,120	683	644	949	824	58	56
Furreedpore	6,409	6,614	1,482	1,659	1,984	2,288	57	57
Gya	4,806	5,655	1,114	1,624	2,023	2,548	64	61
Hooghly	4,782	4,614	1,785	1,330	2,419	2,081	57	61
Howrah	6,317	6,688	1,535	1,776	5,193	5,087	77	74
Jessore	6,100	6,944	2,327	3,167	3,074	3,538	56	52
Midnapore	6,320	6,672	2,056	2,525	2,493	3,014	54	54
Moorshedabad	5,219	5,045	1,816	1,840	2,727	2,631	60	58
Mymensingh...	7,280	7,368	1,982	1,724	2,502	2,577	55	59
Noakhally	4,629	4,005	991	1,196	1,831	2,309	64	65
Nuddea	7,683	6,878	2,227	2,368	2,990	2,845	57	54
Patna	5,517	5,419	1,623	1,574	4,037	3,889	71	71
Purneah	2,338	3,458	1,054	1,193	1,354	1,783	56	59
Rajshahye	3,093	3,123	1,249	1,223	1,432	1,472	53	54
Pubna	2,947	2,605	871	975	1,005	1,152	53	54
Rungpore	1,666	2,523	1,193	1,460	2,072	2,064	63	58
Bograh	2,126	2,008	672	910	1,394	1,388	67	60
Sarun	3,158	3,594	1,486	1,605	1,760	2,078	54	56
Chumparun	1,481	2,477	717	720	986	1,410	57	66
Shahabad	4,237	5,185	2,040	2,723	2,840	2,912	58	51
Tipperah	4,993	4,072	1,210	1,492	2,326	2,025	65	57
Mozufferpore...	2,963	2,811	1,057	1,063	1,668	1,719	61	61
Durbhungah...	3,986	2,811	1,465	1,110	3,362	1,746	69	61
24-Pergunnahs	9,422	8,448	3,564	3,837	7,855	9,358	68	70
Hazareebagh...	2,279	2,048	683	679	1,365	1,463	66	68
Lohurdugga	1,526	1,393	723	651	1,228	1,526	62	70
Manbhoom	1,932	2,384	734	887	1,051	1,073	58	54
Singbhoom	420	417	151	120	275	304	64	71
Darjeeling	1,192	1,245	412	317	700	844	62	72
Julpigooree	1,238	1,235	449	358	840	744	65	67
TOTAL ...	162,152	166,299	57,108	61,256	91,783	97,298	61	61

Table E.

Comparative Statement shewing the number of offences of each class returned as true in 1877 and 1878.

DISTRICT.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquility, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters, XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge ...	...	...	218	253	225	345	119	211	1	8	8	13	2,165	2,471	1,943	1,972	284	358	4,963	5,631	203	274	5,165	5,905
Beerbhoom ...	...	...	14	16	22	28	24	26	8	1	13	1	679	1,022	551	1,136	57	62	1,368	2,292	283	393	1,651	2,685
Bhagulpore ...	...	...	35	13	106	60	68	45	7	9	11	36	730	458	1,098	628	16	27	2,070	1,276	627	906	2,697	2,182
Monghyr ...	...	...	29	34	117	117	80	126	24	11	...	24	960	948	1,974	1,939	54	67	3,238	3,266	1,085	1,414	4,333	4,680
Burdwan, East ...	...	...	143	44	210	432	96	106	36	6	39	411	2,344	2,263	2,062	1,793	217	135	5,147	5,190	1,332	1,554	6,479	6,744
Burdwan, West ...	...	...	45	30	66	47	40	37	...	...	4	2	380	222	526	508	12	6	1,073	852	162	160	1,235	1,012
Chittagong ...	...	...	26	35	116	82	59	104	9	6	5	21	298	549	554	870	58	61	1,126	1,679	496	460	1,616	2,139
Cuttack ...	...	...	27	16	79	75	48	58	44	23	10	7	1,600	975	1,486	1,689	88	56	3,382	2,899	459	583	3,841	3,482
Pooree ...	...	...	16	10	18	59	27	56	2	18	22	9	364	321	770	950	13	12	1,232	1,435	1,209	835	2,441	2,270
Balasore ...	...	...	30	12	11	44	43	53	6	9	4	6	836	1,073	1,144	1,215	86	98	2,160	2,510	232	356	2,392	2,866
Dacca ...	...	...	186	201	304	232	195	209	21	26	13	134	5,181	4,841	2,369	2,775	357	350	8,626	8,768	2,092	1,171	10,718	9,939
Dinagepore ...	...	...	15	10	250	147	50	32	2	...	301	88	580	690	1,184	1,316	101	108	2,483	2,291	111	395	2,594	2,686
Maldah ...	...	...	35	9	48	47	30	30	8	1	5	10	469	215	591	618	38	30	1,224	960	272	160	1,496	1,120
Furreedpore ...	...	...	171	220	173	268	115	111	3	9	21	39	3,208	3,135	1,577	2,146	122	171	5,390	6,119	1,019	495	6,409	6,614
Gya ...	...	...	54	125	81	122	58	91	5	11	17	9	467	477	2,922	3,734	29	30	3,633	4,599	673	1,056	4,306	5,655
Hooghly ...	...	...	34	19	89	53	68	105	8	6	46	74	1,538	1,529	1,414	1,534	109	129	3,296	3,449	1,436	1,165	4,732	4,614
Howrah ...	...	...	61	49	73	47	53	109	13	8	43	60	1,531	1,375	1,483	1,514	59	133	3,295	3,295	3,022	3,393	6,317	6,688
Jessore ...	...	...	111	95	162	205	75	114	11	7	60	65	2,370	2,574	2,481	2,806	142	208	6,412	6,074	688	870	6,100	6,944
Midnapore ...	...	...	112	98	153	116	49	73	32	26	35	21	2,247	2,316	2,751	2,690	170	181	5,549	5,509	771	1,163	6,320	6,672
Moorshedabad ...	...	...	49	38	116	44	67	55	14	7	102	126	1,586	1,682	2,281	2,200	129	52	4,344	4,264	875	781	5,219	5,045
Mymensingh ...	...	...	196	97	174	174	66	71	8	6	18	43	3,075	3,157	2,844	2,938	529	318	6,710	6,804	570	564	7,280	7,368
Noakhally ...	...	...	88	76	124	170	85	79	19	13	8	13	1,703	1,692	3,118	1,483	129	125	4,274	3,651	355	354	4,629	4,005
Naddea ...	...	...	98	84	131	134	97	93	16	18	41	34	2,782	2,638	3,217	2,687	136	99	6,518	5,687	1,165	891	7,683	6,578
Patna ...	...	...	82	40	78	67	100	89	17	16	37	43	812	943	2,178	2,113	65	48	3,369	3,367	2,148	2,053	5,517	5,410
Purneah ...	...	...	16	19	152	121	46	75	3	2	14	55	741	1,025	968	1,586	36	75	1,976	2,958	357	500	2,333	3,458
Rajshahye ...	...	...	49	58	68	89	84	58	9	10	16	19	610	528	1,931	1,980	69	58	2,827	2,790	266	343	3,093	3,133
Pubna ...	...	...	72	83	92	113	33	64	3	1	19	9	1,349	1,118	1,007	903	145	100	2,720	2,391	227	214	2,947	2,605
Rungpore ...	...	...	43	47	53	57	59	68	1	7	4	8	293	688	404	1,032	196	115	1,083	2,022	583	501	1,666	2,523
Bograh ...	...	...	25	18	54	47	96	82	7	5	10	16	492	455	1,234	1,177	64	60	1,976	1,860	150	148	2,126	2,008
Sarun ...	...	...	27	38	78	71	31	49	4	4	6	...	356	679	2,033	2,133	38	24	2,572	2,998	596	596	3,168	3,594
Chumparun ...	...	...	5	12	53	47	36	51	...	1	1	4	255	287	911	1,805	19	14	1,279	2,221	202	256	1,481	2,477
Shahabad ...	...	...	65	81	226	201	67	69	4	6	6	18	1,429	1,507	1,632	2,443	75	27	3,524	4,352	713	783	4,237	5,135
Tipperah ...	...	...	128	143	135	105	98	170	5	5	31	11	2,352	2,359	1,573	1,634	196	163	4,516	4,590	477	382	4,993	4,972
Mozufferpore ...	...	...	26	23	86	126	48	51	3	3	7	2	607	542	1,746	1,681	28	16	2,551	2,444	412	367	2,963	2,811
Durbhungah ...	...	...	15	43	66	40	61	77	5	4	8	5	617	463	2,063	1,748	18	25	3,453	2,405	533	406	3,986	2,811
24-Pergunnahs ...	2	...	57	73	260	250	70	112	27	42	304	265	2,934	1,913	2,339	1,973	248	260	6,241	4,878	3,181	3,570	9,422	8,448
Hazareebaugh ...	...	...	14	6	12	2	154	61	2	11	6	3	527	297	1,179	1,510	32	17	1,926	1,907	353	141	2,279	2,048
Lohardugga ...	...	...	12	14	50	35	23	37	4	1	2	...	332	240	779	787	15	13	1,216	1,127	310	266	1,526	1,393
Manbhoom ...	...	...	13	20	114	57	26	52	12	9	5	5	435	383	1,137	1,733	67	26	1,799	2,285	133	99	1,932	2,384
Singbhoom ...	...	...	...	1	26	4	2	3	2	...	3	4	112	77	209	292	29	17	383	398	37	19	420	417
Darjeeling ...	...	...	9	4	...	12	10	10	3	3	112	52	99	122	569	652	40	30	851	785	341	460	1,192	1,245
Julpigoree ...	...	...	15	8	47	42	25	8	7	1	10	7	272	214	740	848	35	27	1,151	1,155	87	80	1,238	1,235
TOTAL ...	2	...	2,493	2,324	4,529	4,553	2,672	3,160	415	380	1,427	1,761	51,696	50,314	64,371	69,301	4,350	3,931	131,925	135,723	30,227	30,576	162,152	166,299

Table F.

Comparative Statement shewing in detail for each class the number of persons convicted in 1877 and 1878.

DISTRICT.	Offences against the State or relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code.		Offences affecting public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge ...	...	...	352	795	273	496	57	116	...	8	9	8	740	881	520	664	16	33	1,967	3,001	856	151	2,823	3,152
Beerbhoom ...	...	...	74	79	30	33	5	5	10	...	21	2	266	415	267	510	5	5	678	1,049	241	362	919	1,411
Bhaugulpore ...	...	...	113	44	103	114	51	26	3	12	7	294	307	311	424	423	3	13	1,011	1,242	536	762	1,547	2,004
Monghyr ...	...	...	98	102	88	103	39	57	6	6	6	29	431	319	786	1,033	7	6	1,461	1,655	1,023	1,463	2,484	3,118
Burdwan, East ...	...	...	275	160	542	571	59	83	36	2	94	430	813	1,034	774	798	35	29	2,628	3,107	1,310	1,501	3,938	4,608
Burdwan, West ...	...	...	89	38	99	41	19	40	...	...	4	3	97	117	94	115	5	1	407	355	212	221	619	576
Chittagong ...	...	...	107	168	138	112	50	75	5	3	2	20	259	327	430	620	86	11	1,027	1,336	643	459	1,670	1,795
Cuttack ...	...	...	89	56	89	75	49	31	39	22	4	9	604	470	685	869	43	22	1,602	1,554	343	557	1,945	2,111
Pooree ...	...	...	68	41	11	162	26	37	3	20	24	13	242	197	1,009	1,031	8	3	1,391	1,804	1,149	797	2,540	2,301
Balasore ...	...	...	71	10	2	53	38	28	2	6	1	1	303	330	523	517	28	29	968	974	188	370	1,156	1,344
Dacca ...	...	...	403	480	308	199	121	119	36	23	7	118	2,000	1,732	1,035	1,202	61	60	3,971	3,933	1,134	820	5,105	4,753
Dinagepore ...	...	...	34	30	223	92	20	19	1	...	239	90	293	366	362	460	17	18	1,189	1,075	113	358	1,302	1,433
Maldah ...	...	...	24	16	42	33	33	20	5	1	2	16	176	169	434	410	7	8	723	673	226	151	949	824
Furreedpore ...	...	...	144	314	143	235	81	83	1	7	19	28	861	791	486	561	17	21	1,752	2,040	232	248	1,984	2,288
Gya ...	...	...	109	93	97	134	69	41	6	11	18	16	314	345	708	958	11	18	1,332	1,616	691	932	2,023	2,548
Hooghly ...	...	...	55	45	255	32	55	62	3	4	31	70	479	395	374	386	13	25	1,265	1,019	1,154	1,062	2,419	2,081
Howrah ...	...	...	98	136	47	57	22	48	6	3	40	66	491	416	844	814	8	16	1,556	1,466	3,637	3,621	5,193	5,087
Jessore ...	...	...	275	219	209	228	41	70	11	9	84	86	1,053	1,220	927	1,083	37	62	2,687	2,976	437	582	3,074	3,558
Midnapore ...	...	...	144	245	164	87	36	48	17	14	32	21	491	552	918	931	25	34	1,827	1,932	666	1,082	2,493	3,014
Moorshedabad ...	...	...	129	107	109	30	57	41	8	7	143	182	628	546	846	934	31	26	1,951	1,873	776	758	2,727	2,631
Mymensingh ...	...	...	233	178	156	190	54	55	4	7	8	97	1,053	1,101	702	775	39	14	2,249	2,417	253	160	2,502	2,577
Noakhally ...	...	...	204	370	123	218	80	84	28	21	8	14	393	543	815	872	6	17	1,657	2,139	174	170	1,831	2,309
Nuddea ...	...	...	322	318	123	113	43	83	18	15	50	35	774	703	987	1,005	32	12	2,349	2,284	641	561	2,990	2,845
Patna ...	...	...	236	95	107	63	84	73	19	9	59	47	583	497	774	1,047	26	14	1,898	1,845	2,139	2,044	4,037	3,889
Purneah ...	...	...	61	76	167	185	40	90	4	1	23	84	311	399	466	687	16	10	1,088	1,532	266	251	1,354	1,783
Rajshahye ...	...	...	83	95	76	88	39	57	3	8	15	18	429	304	568	541	15	12	1,228	1,123	204	349	1,432	1,472
Pubna ...	...	...	103	110	107	143	27	41	...	1	20	9	271	357	311	308	16	7	855	976	150	176	1,005	1,152
Rungpore ...	...	...	159	101	103	75	42	59	4	6	13	11	523	581	590	636	37	30	1,471	1,499	601	565	2,072	2,064
Bograh ...	...	...	169	101	28	35	30	74	6	5	28	47	263	263	685	694	11	13	1,220	1,232	174	156	1,394	1,388
Sarun ...	...	...	66	116	83	77	22	31	2	5	6	...	422	424	565	895	6	7	1,171	1,555	589	523	1,760	2,078
Chumparun ...	...	...	15	57	72	57	31	47	...	1	1	4	199	239	503	732	5	8	815	1,145	171	265	986	1,410
Shahabad ...	...	...	272	192	315	218	53	39	3	...	1	24	720	502	642	1,179	52	11	2,058	2,165	782	747	2,840	2,912
Tipperah ...	...	...	437	363	118	78	70	66	4	4	28	7	894	776	618	589	18	15	2,187	1,898	139	127	2,326	2,025
Mozufferpore ...	...	...	88	110	110	106	39	52	3	2	9	1	306	274	696	826	8	5	1,259	1,376	409	343	1,668	1,719
Durbhungah ...	...	...	55	163	98	46	53	61	3	6	6	2	229	210	780	716	5	33	1,228	1,240	2,134	506	3,362	1,746
24-Pergunnahs ...	...	...	297	251	416	557	50	72	37	77	393	312	1,585	2,069	1,366	1,685	91	122	4,235	5,145	3,620	4,213	7,855	9,358
Hazareebagh ...	...	...	68	26	114	42	19	19	1	10	7	6	266	269	512	892	21	13	1,008	1,272	357	191	1,365	1,463
Lohardugga ...	...	...	29	35	86	40	15	41	2	1	3	...	247	221	581	929	9	8	972	1,275	256	251	1,228	1,526
Manbhoom ...	...	...	50	63	241	59	23	33	11	5	10	8	291	275	294	518	21	10	941	971	110	102	1,051	1,073
Singhbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	33	4	2	3	1	...	1	4	78	81	95	167	32	16	242	275	33	29	275	304
Darjeeling ...	...	...	19	13	1	25	10	6	2	1	55	39	69	76	243	273	12	11	411	443	289	401	700	844
Julpigoree ...	...	...	11	17	58	39	21	6	9	1	6	4	184	154	462	423	10	12	761	656	79	88	840	744
Total ...	...	...	5,729	6,027	5,706	5,348	1,774	2,141	362	344	1,537	2,274	20,937	21,251	25,701	30,713	901	840	62,646	68,933	29,137	28,365	91,783	97,298

Table G.

Comparative table shewing the number of persons under trial, disposed of, and pending trial in the Courts of Sessions during 1877-78.

DISTRICT.	Number of persons under trial.		Disposed of, excluding death, transfers, and escapes.		Pending at the close of the year.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	233	412	175	337	58	70
Beerbhoom	39	43	37	43	2	...
Bhaugulpore	56	53	53	41	3	12
Monghyr	27	55	22	52	5	3
Burdwan, East	58	89	53	84	5	4
Burdwan, West	14	76	10	29	4	47
Chittagong	100	78	87	63	11	15
Cuttack	40	61	38	57	1	4
Pooree	10	35	10	32	...	3
Balasore	38	29	34	28	4	1
Dacca	208	134	191	130	15	4
Dinagepore	75	51	74	47	...	4
Maldah	54	33	48	24	6	9
Furreedpore	103	126	97	102	6	24
Gya	75	148	47	143	28	4
Hooghly	62	58	59	51	2	6
Howrah	37	41	27	38	10	2
Jessore	157	137	135	128	22	9
Midnapore	116	165	99	159	16	6
Moorshedabad	71	54	64	44	7	10
Mymensingh	171	162	124	109	44	52
Noakhally	79	130	77	127	...	3
Nuddea	160	122	154	94	6	28
Patna	94	123	84	112	10	11
Purneah	57	62	50	61	7	1
Rajshahye	182	53	177	39	2	14
Pubna	40	53	38	47	2	6
Rungpore	116	90	110	78	5	10
Bograh	63	55	63	48	...	7
Sarun	67	75	57	58	10	14
Chumparun	64	69	62	68	2	1
Shahabad	61	67	53	57	7	10
Tipperah	105	137	99	133	6	3
Mozufferpore	43	65	41	57	2	7
Durbhungah	82	37	78	34	2	3
24-Pergunnahs	123	134	114	131	9	1
Hazareebaugh	22	87	20	78	2	4
Lohardugga	37	66	35	60	2	6
Manbhoom	53	45	50	38	3	7
Singhboom	10	10	6	9	4	1
Darjeeling	19	10	15	9	4	...
Julpigoree	34	13	33	12	...	1
TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR ...	3,255	3,543	2,900	3,091	334	427
Calcutta (High Court Original Jurisdiction) ...	...	104	...	99	...	5

Table H.

Comparative table shewing the number of persons under trial, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Magistrates during 1877 and 1878.

DISTRICT.	Number of persons under trial.		Disposed of, excluding deaths, transfers, and escapes.		Pending at the close of the year.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	4,070	6,164	3,779	5,779	262	358
Beerbhoom	1,605	2,429	1,521	2,348	51	79
Bhaugulpore	2,649	3,196	2,603	3,096	46	96
Monghyr	4,374	4,819	4,224	4,726	150	83
Burdwan, East	6,238	7,510	6,128	7,404	102	97
Burdwan, West	1,155	1,045	1,127	1,022	27	20
Chittagong	2,687	3,410	2,609	3,285	78	122
Cuttack	4,068	3,645	3,971	3,516	94	121
Pooree	4,198	3,880	4,026	3,714	170	164
Balasore	2,299	2,418	2,215	2,390	83	28
Dacca	8,289	7,816	8,074	7,653	188	151
Dinagepore	2,323	2,415	2,273	2,339	45	60
Maldah	1,675	1,533	1,584	1,471	43	57
Furreedpore	3,591	4,094	3,466	3,969	90	111
Gya	3,189	4,296	3,152	4,167	35	121
Hooghly	4,270	3,515	4,203	3,419	60	91
Howrah	6,872	6,964	6,733	6,858	129	98
Jessore	5,633	6,969	5,401	6,696	222	268
Midnapore	4,961	5,788	4,565	5,549	382	227
Moorshedabad	4,696	4,636	4,543	4,476	142	154
Mymensingh	4,717	4 607	4,494	4,310	196	280
Noakhally	3,082	3,687	2,836	3,527	246	151
Nuddea	5,433	5,440	5,274	5,238	144	192
Patna	5,950	5,573	5,836	5,473	93	92
Purneah	2,578	3,041	2,480	2,977	98	60
Rajshahye	2,805	2,820	2,680	2,717	115	87
Pubna	1,952	2,294	1,876	2,152	65	134
Rungpore	3,607	3,664	3,529	3,531	63	105
Bograh	2,092	2,345	2,066	2,305	26	35
Sarun	3,522	3,764	3,416	3,700	104	61
Champarun	1,736	2,218	1,715	2,140	30	73
Shahabad	5,438	5,846	5,305	5,649	133	196
Tipperah	3,556	3,682	3,437	3,515	119	165
Mozufferpore	2,967	2,854	2,903	2,797	63	57
Durbhungah	5,105	3,013	4,972	2,869	131	142
24-Pergunnahs	11,520	13,376	11,419	13,189	85	176
Hazareebaugh	2,082	2,195	2,048	2,168	31	21
Lohardugga	2,028	2,291	1,951	2,199	75	92
Manbhoom	1,819	2,064	1,785	1,964	30	97
ingbhoom	433	432	426	421	3	10
Darjeeling	1,131	1,182	1,106	1,176	8	5
Julpigoree	1,333	1,159	1,281	1,103	46	48
TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR ...	153,728	164,089	149,032	158,997	4,303	4,785
Calcutta (Presidency Magistrates)	...	28,889	...	28,853		31

Table I.

Statement showing in detail the persons who were awaiting trial before the Magistrates at the end of 1878.

District.	On bail or recognizance.	In look-up.	Otherwise.	More than six months.	More than three months.	More than one month.	Remarks.
Backergunge	377	53	6	9*	1	52	
Beerbhoom	73	18	2	1	...	22	
Bhaugulpore	80	16	...	1*	...	12	
Monghyr	53	20	10	...	...	30	
Burdwan, East	90	8	6	6*	...	21	
Burdwan, West	15	6	...	...	...	5	
Chittagong	110	14	...	...	12	12	
Cuttack	103	15	4	2*	...	8	
Pooree	151	12	...	3*	2	28	
Balasore	14	14	...	...	...	3	
Dacca	114	37	3	...	4	12	
Dinagepore	52	4	4	...	...	2	
Maldah	56	1	...	1*	...	17	
Furreedpore	126	10	3	1*	...	15	
Gya	106	18	4	...	...	39†	
Hooghly	83	10	...	...	8	17	
Howrah	87	12	...	1	5	19	
Jessore	209	30	...	2*	10	15	
Midnapore	194	13	20	...	...	51	
Moorshedabad	138	18	...	1*	3	52	
Mymensingh	147	25	6	6*	8†	24	
Noakhally	131	27	6	1*	2	33	
Nuddea	149	30	15	4*	...	12	
Patna	65	13	14	2*	...	10	
Purneah	43	17	...	...	...	16	
Rajshahye	83	5	...	...	4	9	
Pubna	126	20	...	1*	...	39	
Rungpore	78	27	...	5*	...	9	
Bograh	33	2	...	...	...	22	
Sarun	43	9	9	6‡	...	3	
Chumparun	61	21	...	...	...	2	
Shahabad	113	48	38	...	...	18	
Tipperah	199	19	...	9*	4	24	
Mozufferpore	45	13	...	...	...	7	
Durbhungah	93	50	5	...	10	56	
24-Pergunnahs	138	27	11	10*	15†	21	
Hazareebaugh	15	6	2	1	1	...	
Lohardugga	28	57	2	...	...	4	
Manbhoom	83	15	...	...	...	11	
Singbhoom	2	5	3	...	2†	...	
Darjeeling	1	4	...	...	...	...	
Julpigoree	30	18	...	...	1	13	
Total ...	3,937	787	173	73	92	765	

* Lunatics. † Includes 1 lunatic. ‡ Includes 4 lunatics.

Table J.

Comparative Statement showing the percentage of persons whose cases were disposed of who were convicted in 1877 and 1878.

DISTRICT.	Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Law.		TOTAL.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Backergunge	52	54	75	71	57	54
Beerhboom	53	54	80	83	58	59
Bhaugulpore	53	58	76	78	59	64
Monghyr	50	56	76	83	58	66
Burdwan, East...	55	55	89	83	63	62
Burdwan, West	47	48	95	87	57	58
Chittagong	52	49	88	77	62	54
Cuttack	45	54	70	81	48	60
Pooree	50	52	91	93	63	62
Balasore	49	49	79	90	52	56
Dacca	59	60	80	75	63	62
Dinagepore	56	56	68	81	57	61
Maldah	54	54	75	67	58	56
Furreedpore	55	56	72	81	57	57
Gya	57	53	84	80	64	61
Hooghly	47	46	75	87	57	61
Howrah	58	56	89	85	77	74
Jessore	54	50	75	69	56	52
Midnapore	48	47	85	71	54	54
Moorshedabad	53	52	83	83	60	58
Mymensingh	55	59	61	60	55	59
Noakhally	63	65	87	70	64	65
Nuddea	54	51	68	69	57	54
Patna	58	59	89	86	71	71
Purnea	53	58	72	67	56	59
Rajshahye	51	49	74	78	53	54
Pubna	51	52	71	70	53	54
Rungpore	56	52	89	87	63	58
Bograh	65	58	87	85	67	60
Sarun	47	53	76	68	54	56
Chumparun	58	64	54	72	57	66
Shahabad	56	53	63	47	58	51
Tipperah	65	56	67	71	65	57
Mozufferpore	56	59	79	75	61	61
Durbhungah	49	56	90	75	69	61
24-Pergunnahs...	57	60	89	89	68	70
Hazareebaugh	61	66	88	80	66	68
Lohardugga	59	67	80	85	62	70
Manbhoom	58	54	62	60	58	54
Singhbhoom	64	71	64	76	64	71
Darjeeling	56	65	75	82	62	72
Julpigoree	64	65	78	92	65	67
TOTAL	55	55	82	80	61	61

Table K.

Comparative Statement showing the number of witnesses examined and the amount paid for their expenses during 1877 and 1878.

DISTRICT.	Number of witnesses.				Amount paid as expenses.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	838	1,404	15,954	20,880	422	454	233	389
Beerbhoom	262	243	4,419	6,289	520	472	392	345
Bhangulpore	178	186	6,689	5,821	263	479	94	371
Monghyr	94	234	7,635	7,374	58	246	323	208
Burdwan, East	253	420	12,680	15,886	367	630	549	1,101
Burdwan, West	113	99	2,810	2,824	53	38	86	129
Chittagong	372	380	6,159	6,957	169	356	449	518
Cuttack	182	201	9,361	12,027	209	436	374	568
Pooree	50	82	4,388	4,889	126	151	94	182
Balasore	135	146	6,806	6,770	149	105	251	223
Dacca	703	470	21,594	22,006	629	525	434	532
Dinagepore	448	157	6,275	5,756	314	158	241	169
Maldah	271	150	5,151	4,690	145	68	90	195
Furreedpore...	439	399	9,615	10,854	515	525	191	357
Gya	237	550	9,511	11,653	749	616	82	204
Hooghly	229	257	9,286	9,810	289	265	315	349
Howrah	125	223	10,495	11,111	11	118	109	34
Jessore	432	392	1,3507	16,832	806	426	506	294
Midnapore	430	774	13,978	13,372	848	1,701	709	572
Moorshedabad	164	170	16,695	15,875	180	61	490	230
Mymensingh	599	467	16,420	12,484	558	375	157	99
Noakhally	136	281	5,825	7,153	88	108	46	59
Nuddea	416	315	12,790	13,031	922	759	356	292
Patna	383	400	11,521	11,251	509	817	125	230
Purneah	174	185	6,307	7,566	181	212	445	248
Rajshahye	474	186	9,376	9,109	627	157	238	275
Pubna	190	151	7,767	6,921	94	149	322	289
Rungpore	344	330	9,624	8,772	449	564	291	81
Bograh	239	257	6,315	5,358	20	238	485	138
Sarun	121	321	6,850	7,542	34	193	76	73
Champarun	112	284	4,207	5,421	91	275	97	35
Shahabad	393	293	14,774	13,657	201	405	506	594
Tipperah	312	362	11,120	9,585	202	245	663	452
Mozufferpore	191	216	6,232	6,393	61	87	92	47
Durbhangah	265	153	7,092	6,717	155	4	126	88
24-Pergunnahs	650	959	22,785	23,501	753	725	222	328
Hazareebaugh	152	391	6,152	6,517	108	196	159	185
Lohurdugga	226	265	6,103	5,668	155	82	119	28
Manbhoom	280	268	5,531	5,731	172	130	144	224
Singhbhoom	35	50	596	620	42	83	34	43
Darjeeling	57	35	1,464	1,495	.....	82	.....	.....
Julpigoree	113	72	4,293	3,4	.....	15	.....	50
Total ...	11,826	13,178	*376,152	*389,653	12,244	13,731	10,715	10,828

* Inclusive of persons examined in Criminal Procedure cases.

Table L.

Statement showing the total number of witnesses discharged during 1878, with the number of days they were detained.

DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
	COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Backergunge ...	960	368	58	18	16,144	5,448	1,360	499
Beerbhoom ...	119	79	14	31	6,036	185	40	28
Bhaugulpore ...	76	59	34	17	5,531	243	26	21
Monghyr	140	42	28	24	6,315	869	187	3
Burdwan, East ...	244	106	31	39	14,020	1,654	146	66
Burdwan, West ...	63	20	7	9	2,656	143	22	3
Chittagong ...	16	124	84	156	6,353	440	123	41
Cuttack	96	96	36	67	11,263	591	140	33
Pooree	23	8	43	51	4,618	235	36	.....
Balasore	63	80	34	18	6,755	15	.....	.....
Dacca	226	138	106	.....	18,539	2,627	741	99
Dinagepore ...	53	51	16	37	5,214	474	68	.....
Maldah	89	50	.....	11	3,938	732	20	.....
Furreedpore ...	266	89	15	29	9,001	1,489	243	121
Gya	121	90	47	292	10,894	610	121	28
Hooghly	78	64	64	51	9,235	513	57	5
Howrah	125	24	44	30	10,596	486	29	.....
Jessore	392	.....†	.....†	.....†	14,633	1,855	263	81
Midnapore ...	565	254	95	132	11,258	1,841	214	59
Moorshedabad ...	72	78	9	11	14,645	999	182	49
Mymensingh ...	125	103	48	191	10,681	1,272	515	16
Noakhally... ...	696	62	8	8	8,031	454	94	9
Nuddea	47	61	39	168	11,418	1,409	161	43
Patna	74	81	44	201	10,722	520	9	.....
Purneah	172	8	5	.....	5,886	1,015	410	255
Rajshahye ...	108	127	30	36	7,112	1,780	205	12
Pubna	79	138	18	118	6,049	814	58	.....
Rungpore... ...	330	.....	.....	.....	8,048	564	115	45
Bogra	257	.....	.....	.....	4,731	542	85	.....
Sarun	87	83	60	106	7,437	100	5	.....
Chumparun ...	58	41	36	180	4,437	984	.....	.....
Shahabad... ...	242	43	8	.....	12,137	1,111	368	41
Tipperah	240	78	32	12	8,019	1,388	175	3
Mozufferpore ...	216	.....	.....	.....	6,279	112	2	.....
Durbhungah ...	151	2	.....	.....	5,394	898	296	129
24-Pergunnahs ...	753	152	28	26	21,366	1,810	317	8
Hazareebaugh ...	164	49	47	131	6,295	222	.....	.....
Lohardugga ...	127	53	32	53	5,174	355	108	31
Manbhoom ...	131	50	47	31	4,199	1,323	137	72
Singhbhoom ...	.....	.....	24	26	601	19	.....	.....
Darjeeling ...	35	.....	.....	.....	1,306	154	35	.....
Julpigoree ...	56	16	.....	.....	3,062	400	23	.....
TOTAL* ...	7,935	2,976	1,271	2,313	3,46,028	38,695	7,136	1,800

* Inclusive of persons discharged without examination.
† No data to fill up these columns, hence the witnesses are shown in column 2 only.

Table M.

Comparative Statement showing the amount of fines imposed by the Criminal Courts in 1877-78, the amount realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICT.	Total amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	21,504	41,930	15,990	26,158	598	985
Beerbhoom	5,096	10,308	4,537	7,720	299	879
Bhaugulpore	13,922	9,830	10,627	7,303	724	619
Monghyr	17,136	21,359	14,276	14,808	657	319
Burdwan, East	19,146	31,492	16,604	27,403	2,319	2,923
Burdwan, West	3,982	2,078	2,540	1,972	97	94
Chittagong	11,504	12,533	9,919	10,942	451	425
Cuttack	11,187	14,642	10,087	12,296	1,633	698
Pooree	5,662	6,153	5,489	5,979	393	793
Balasore	7,435	6,679	6,739	6,389	1,008	787
Dacca	37,730	44,135	35,537	39,847	2,395	2,383
Dinagepore	6,932	17,747	5,846	11,963	486	471
Maldah	8,662	5,748	7,469	3,664	796	358
Furreedpore	19,740	21,928	14,852	18,469	1,204	1,462
Gya	11,554	38,540	9,489	34,662	308	630
Hooghly	17,992	15,592	12,117	11,635	1,764	1,185
Howrah	21,631	22,142	17,749	18,442	623	704
Jessore	24,649	23,326	20,363	18,540	2,719	2,563
Midnapore	22,332	22,578	19,562	17,488	1,618	2,194
Moorshedabad	15,204	13,826	10,484	10,334	717	1,321
Mymensingh	22,887	25,939	19,556	22,342	3,022	2,308
Noakhally	20,346	20,804	15,399	17,499	1,995	1,324
Nuddea	23,418	16,414	18,560	14,838	1,916	1,947
Patna	21,338	19,467	15,217	15,060	729	399
Purneah	13,703	14,104	9,531	12,355	1,299	539
Rajshahye	61,007	14,851	8,691	27,815	405	1,265
Pubna	8,652	8,744	5,575	8,215	192	995
Rungpore	15,534	19,962	10,706	15,589	1,548	3,387
Bograh	7,906	8,864	7,012	7,096	927	1,975
Sarun	18,349	17,743	8,889	12,974	1,144	809
Chumparun	6,974	10,823	4,249	7,069	436	369
Shahabad	22,261	19,705	18,531	17,083	1,199	777
Tipperah	20,846	17,807	19,769	15,803	1,813	1,388
Mozufferpore	11,409	15,083	9,735	12,643	433	892
Durbhungah	16,885	15,948	13,462	11,343	612	1,894
24-Pergunnahs	36,309	52,230	24,149	49,030	2,472	2,573
Hazareebaugh	9,863	9,055	7,295	7,686	603	620
Lohardugga	4,952	7,636	5,642	5,948	116	130
Manbhoom	7,398	6,264	4,348	4,812	715	741
Singhbhoom	917	1,014	755	909	112	159
Darjeeling	4,807	4,496	3,703	2,597	810	609
Julpigoree	6,695	5,170	5,290	3,836	369	104
TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR ...	665,456	737,689	476,340	598,556	43,976	61,997
Calcutta (Presidency Magistrates)	...	67,889	...	59,091	...	3,083

Table N.

Comparative Statement showing the number of appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of and pending in each district in 1877 and 1878 in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges.

DISTRICT.	1877.						1878.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.
Backergunge	155	69	157	67	3	2	228	60	205	61	26	1
Beerbhoom	20	41	20	37	...	4	33	76	33	79	...	1
Bhaugulpore	48	11	47	11	1	...	10	30	10	29	1	1
Monghyr	70	74	66	66	4	13	80	54	83	67	1	...
Burdwan, East	77	37	78	38	...	1	79	48	76	39	1	10
Burdwan, West	10	14	10	15	...	...	7	10	7	10	...	...
Chittagong	41	32	40	27	1	5	43	32	41	35	3	2
Cuttack	63	13	60	13	3	...	88	2	84	2	7	...
Pooree	14	20	14	21	...	1	24	24	24	19	...	6
Balasore	109	15	107	14	3	1	63	66	66	62	...	5
Dacca	102	155	102	152	...	8	137	182	133	179	4	11
Dinagepore	29	30	24	30	5	...	36	31	39	31	2	...
Maldah	24	66	14	64	10	2	22	33	32	33	...	2
Furreedpore	130	106	123	102	7	4	148	55	153	53	2	6
Gya	41	53	42	51	...	2	50	36	49	38	1	...
Hooghly	63	55	58	55	5	...	41	14	43	14	2	...
Howrah	39	70	37	71	2	1	62	46	62	42	1	5
Jessore	179	55	135	52	46	3	163	86	207	88	2	1
Midnapore	172	53	162	46	17	7	110	34	125	40	2	1
Moorshedabad	104	32	104	31	...	1	85	28	85	28	...	1
Mymensingh	152	78	162	80	4	5	162	62	162	66	4	1
Noakhally	33	206	32	199	1	7	52	177	53	179	...	5
Nuddea	179	54	179	51	...	3	107	54	107	53	...	4
Patna	173	75	171	73	2	2	103	61	103	60	1	3
Purneah	63	37	60	36	3	1	65	47	67	48	1	...
Rajshahye	39	51	45	52	2	...	75	41	73	41	4	...
Pubna	48	71	48	70	1	4	70	73	71	77	...	...
Rungpore	76	50	76	45	...	6	63	33	59	31	4	8
Bograh	87	20	87	19	...	1	43	49	40	50	3	...
Sarun	53	57	50	50	3	7	85	47	71	52	17	2
Chumparun	19	16	18	13	1	3	45	28	38	21	8	10
Shahabad	92	98	88	96	3	2	174	31	177	31	...	2
Tipperah	73	36	70	36	3	...	70	9	70	9	3	...
Mozufferpore	24	31	20	31	4	...	55	22	54	20	5	2
Durbhungah	29	24	27	23	2	1	35	45	30	43	7	3
24-Pergunnahs	160	120	153	115	7	3	177	63	178	64	6	2
Hazareebaugh	29	8	26	7	3	1	22	12	23	10	2	3
Lohardugga	10	20	10	16	...	4	8	30	8	30	...	4
Manbhoom	44	38	39	38	5	...	17	36	22	31	...	5
Singhbhoom	6	2	6	2	...	...	3	3	3	3	...	...
Darjeeling	8	3	8	3	...	...	9	10	9	10	...	...
Julpigoree	10	16	10	16	...	...	10	21	10	21	...	...
TOTAL	2,897	2,132	2,785	2,034	151	105	2,959	1,901	2,985	1,899	120	107

Table O.

Statement showing the number and percentage of persons who appealed to Court of Session or to Magistrates of Districts from the orders of the Subordinate Criminal Courts and of the Appellants in whose cases these orders were upheld.

District.	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect to whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of applicants in whose case the sentence or orders were confirmed.	Ratio of affirmed to decided.
Backergunge	591	29	372	67
Beerbhoom	196	17	114	56
Bhaugulpore	63	5	46	75
Monghyr	255	12	157	61
Burdwan, East	232	15	85	39
Burdwan, West	22	6	11	50
Chittagong	124	13	58	51
Cuttack	154	31	88	64
Pooree	76	7	50	71
Balasore	208	21	145	69
Dacca	601	22	320	56
Dinagepore	106		72	64
Maldah	79	16	49	52
Furreedpore	352	34	238	65
Gya	156	13	116	71
Hooghly	63	7	35	58
Howrah	135	4	77	60
Jessore	468	29	337	60
Midnapore	205	16	111	48
Moorshedabad	168	22	121	72
Mymensingh	371	30	234	61
Noakhally	430	22	302	68
Nuddea	293	29	143	49
Patna	280	12	138	53
Purneah	231	22	147	63
Rajshahye	184	28	135	73
Pubna	221	27	192	84
Rungpore	152	12	81	55
Bograh	183	17	125	72
Sarun	281	24	140	54
Chumparun	112	12	72	77
Shahabad	318	19	197	61
Tipperah	130	26	74	56
Mozufferpore	160	18	55	36
Durbhungah	173	24	98	61
24-Pergunnahs	402	28	285	71
Hazareebaugh	43	5	31	72
Lohardugga	56	5	31	55
Manbhoom	122	14	74	63
Singhbhoom	6	4	3	50
Darjeeling	25	6	14	56
Julpigoree	50	8	26	52
Total ...	8,477	18	5,199	62

Table P.

Comparative table showing the number of applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending before the Courts of Session and District Magistrate, during the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICT.	1877.						1878.					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.
Backergunge ...	26	257	32	249	1	8	25	181	22	184	4	5
Beerbhoom ...	19	1	19	1	...	...	10	...	10	...		...
Bhaugulpore ...	7	...	5	...	2	...	8	1	10	1	...	...
Monghyr ...	5	10	5	10	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	...
Burdwan, East	30	10	32	10	...	...	27	38	25	35	2	2
Burdwan, West	4	...	4	...	...	...	7	6	6	6	1	...
Chittagong ...	23	8	23	8	...	...	14	10	14	10	...	...
Cuttack ...	28	...	28	...	2	...	26	...	25	...	3	...
Pooree ...	2	4	5	3	...	1	5	8	5	7	...	2
Balasore ...	6	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Dacca ...	13	...	13	...	...	...	12	19	12	19	...	...
Dinagepore ...	29	...	27	...	2	...	13	...	15	..	...	...
Maldah ...	...	8	...	7	...	1	6	6	4	7	2	...
Furreedpore ...	23	47	22	47	1	...	21	70	21	64	1	6
Gya ...	20	...	25	...	...	...	38	...	37	...	1	...
Hooghly ...	6	...	6	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	1	...
Howrah ...	9	6	9	6	...	...	2	14	2	12	...	2
Jessore ...	37	34	25	34	12	...	46	20	57	20	1	...
Midnapore ...	42	1	42	1	8	...	69	5	74	5	3	...
Moorshedabad	31	12	30	12	1	...	17	15	15	15	3	...
Mymensingh ...	26	97	29	95	2	2	62	88	62	86	2	4
Noakhally ...	20	59	19	59	1	...	18	38	19	38	...	...
Nuddea ...	35	1	33	1	2	...	22	...	23	...	1	...
Patna ...	3	...	3	...	...	...	6	...	6	...	...	...
Purneah ...	15	13	14	13	1	...	6	25	7	25	..	...
Rajshahye ...	13	8	9	8	4	...	20	7	23	7	1	..
Pubna ...	6	18	4	18	2	...	3	21	5	15	...	6
Rungpore ...	24	...	24	...	...	...	22	...	22	...	...	...
Bograh ...	33	31	33	31	...	...	7	6	6	6	1	...
Sarun ...	46	12	46	12	...	...	24	8	18	7	6	1
Chumparun ...	5	...	5	...	...	...	6	2	5	2	1	...
Shahabad ...	3	13	2	13	1	...	2	21	3	21	...	...
Tipperah ...	63	12	58	12	5	...	27	30	31	23	1	7
Mozufferpore ...	23	20	18	20	5	...	70	15	69	15	6	...
Durbhungah ...	8	36	8	35	...	1	16	31	9	28	7	4
24-Pergunnahs	...	76	...	74	...	2	...	61	...	61	...	2
Hazareebaugh	...	2	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	9	4	8	3	1	1	12	5	13	5	...	1
Manbhoom ...	3	19	3	19	...	...	4	11	4	11	...	...
Singhbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	..	...
Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	4	...	...
Total ...	605	810	674	803	53	16	687	772	692	745	48	42

Table Q.

Statement shewing the number and percentage of persons who applied to Courts of Session and Magistrates of Districts for the revision of orders of the Subordinate Criminal Courts, and of applicants in whose case these orders were up held.

District.	Number of persons who applied for revision.	Ratio of applicants for revision to number of persons in respect to whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected or in whose case order was confirmed.	Ratio of rejected to disposed of.
Backergunge ...	226	6	132	61
Beerbhoom ...	21	1	20	95
Bhaugulpore ...	11	·5	13	81
Mongbyr ...	16	·6	15	93
Burdwan, East ...	81	1	65	85
Burdwan, West ...	25	4	15	62
Chittagong ...	33	1	29	87
Cuttack ...	38	1	33	89
Pooree ...	15	·5	13	92
Balasore ...	5	·3	5	100
Dacca ...	47	1	32	68
Dinagepore ...	16	1	16	76
Maldah ...	14	1	8	61
Furreedpore ...	99	3	65	69
Gya ...	50	2	22	45
Hooghly ...	11	·4	5	50
Howrah ...	16	·3	11	78
Jessore ...	104	2	101	80
Midnapore ...	120	2	65	67
Moorshedabad ...	42	1	33	84
Mymensingh ...	159	5	130	78
Noakhally ...	92	6	63	68
Nuddea ...	42	1	33	80
Patna ...	9	·2	...	...
Purneah ...	45	2	41	91
Rajshahye ...	34	1	26	70
Pubna ...	24	1	23	95
Rungpore ...	35	1	21	60
Bograh ...	48	3	10	35
Sarun ...	82	3	37	92
Chumparun ...	8	·6	6	85
Shahabad ...	38	·9	33	84
Tipperah ...	81	2	59	77
Mozufferpore ...	97	5	68	62
Durbhungah ...	72	3	33	84
24-Pergunnahs ...	68	·5	51	75
Hazareebaugh ...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	18	2	13	72
Manbhoom ...	16	1	15	93
Singhbhoom ...	1	·3	1	100
Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree ...	7	1	1	14
Total ...	1,966	2	1,382	73

Table R.

Statement shewing the total Receipts and Charges of Criminal Courts, 1878.

District.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
Backergunge	45,079	74,148	...	29,069
Beerbhoom	13,549	34,879	...	21,330
Bhaugulpore	13,213	55,300	...	42,087
Monghyr	21,405	43,257	...	21,852
Burdwan, East	48,113	95,773	...	47,660
Burdwan, West	4,472	24,726	...	20,254
Chittagong	17,371	27,162	...	9,791
Cuttack	17,385	60,225	...	42,840
Pooree	9,941	44,063	...	34,122
Balasore	11,565	28,640	...	17,075
Dacca	59,968	61,415	...	1,447
Dinagepore	14,411	32,071	...	17,660
Maldah	7,208	37,900	...	30,692
Furreedpore	30,042	51,830	...	21,788
Gya	40,577	59,766	...	19,189
Hooghly	18,639	88,899	...	70,260
Howrah	26,154	61,663	...	35,509
Jessore	36,200	67,992	...	31,792
Midnapore	35,539	75,703	...	40,164
Moorshedabad	24,092	63,087	...	38,995
Mymensingh	40,679	96,261	...	55,582
Noakhally	31,769	37,253	...	5,484
Nuddea	27,027	83,331	...	56,304
Patna	26,191	67,245	...	41,054
Purneah	19,867	46,728	...	26,861
Rajshahye	34,911	71,106	...	36,195
Pubna	17,471	38,678	...	21,207
Rungpore	25,995	52,325	...	26,330
Bograh	16,947	31,123	...	14,176
Sarun	20,535	58,110	...	37,575
Chumparun	14,164	40,572	...	26,408
Shahabad	24,134	42,227	...	18,093
Tipperah	29,048	54,254	..	25,206
Mozufferpore	21,947	49,121	...	27,174
Durbhungah	17,197	42,014	...	24,817
24-Pergunnahs	77,383	1,18,101	...	40,718
Hazareebaugh	10,462	40,289	...	29,827
Lohardugga	10,388	22,605	...	12,217
Manbhoom	10,649	17,158	...	6,509
Singhbhoom	1,089	6,436	...	5,347
Darjeeling	3,107	7,321	...	4,214
Julpigoree	6,289	35,900	...	29,611
Total for Courts in the interior ...	9,82,172	21,46,657	...	11,64,485
Calcutta (Presidency Magistrates)	62,809	42,715	20,094	...

Table R.—1.

Statement shewing details of the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts during 1878.

	RECEIPTS.					CHARGES.				
	In Court Fee Stamps.		In Cash.			Share of officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishments.		Contingencies and Refunds.	Total.
	Process Fees.	Other Fees.	Fines.	Other receipts credited to Government.	Total.		Process servers.	Others.		
Backergunge	4,512	11,706	28,355	506	45,079	52,392	3,892	11,526	6,338	74,148
Beerbhoom	2,525	2,584	8,062	378	13,549	26,499	800	4,948	2,632	34,879
Bhaugulpore	1,998	3,423	7,332	460	13,213	40,021	1,343	10,980	2,956	55,300
Monghyr	2,084	3,875	14,779	667	21,405	26,812	1,764	7,916	6,765	43,257
Burdwan, East	6,307	8,349	30,392	3,065	48,113	72,400	2,757	11,426	9,190	95,773
Burdwan, West	1,015	1,194	2,152	111	4,472	17,925	819	4,425	1,557	24,726
Chittagong	2,477	2,916	10,941	1,037	17,371	14,624	1,357	7,961	3,220	27,162
Cuttack	1,634	3,306	12,301	144	17,385	45,243	1,770	9,345	3,867	60,225
Pooree	1,114	2,425	6,293	109	9,941	28,116	1,007	13,605	1,335	44,063
Balasore	1,532	3,358	6,493	182	11,565	18,291	630	6,863	2,856	28,640
Dacca	10,175	9,713	39 395	685	59,968	36,755	4,614	12,334	7,712	61,415
Dinagepore	2,386	...	12,025	...	14,411	28,240	1,547	...	2,284	32,071
Maldah	1,288	1,962	3,664	294	7,208	29,890	1,136	4,494	2,380	37,900
Furreedpore	4,327	3,718	21,397	600	30,042	35,509	2,023	8,410	5,888	51,830
Gya	1,671	3,969	34,662	275	40,577	40,688	1,312	11,991	5,775	59,766
Hooghly	3,249	4,438	10,342	610	18,639	70,719	1,464	8,297	8,419	88,899
Howrah	1,491	3,231	19,924	1,508	26,154	45,630	753	11,104	4,176	61,663
Jessore	6,207	10,430	18,540	1,023	36,200	48,317	2,688	10,760	6,227	67,992
Midnapore	4,953	7,306	17,497	5,783	35,539	52,706	2,813	9,003	11,181	75,703
Moorshedabad	4,207	5,809	13,867	209	24,092	44,926	1,824	11,524	4,813	63,087
Mymensingh	6,378	10,664	22,402	1,235	40,679	71,946	3,911	10,876	9,528	96,261
Noakhally	4,129	6,398	17,500	3,742	31,769	25,636	2,866	7,169	1,582	37,253
Nuddea	4,802	6,342	15,305	578	27,027	66,470	1,901	9,461	5,499	83,331
Patna	5,464	5,118	15,060	549	26,191	48,004	3,428	8,317	7,496	67,245
Purneah	2,526	2,710	14,080	551	19,867	31,786	1,508	7,666	5,768	46,728
Rajshahye	2,662	3,811	27,815	623	34,911	44,810	1,773	6,388	18,135	71,106
Pubna	4,549	4,567	8,216	139	17,471	27,152	2,511	4,910	4,105	38,678
Rungpore	3,716	3,766	15,588	2,925	25,995	33,810	1,966	8,520	8,029	52,325
Bograh	1,591	2,348	7,916	5,092	16,947	21,521	920	4,251	4,431	31,123
Sarun	2,564	3,299	12,583	2,089	20,535	41,661	1,944	7,031	7,474	58,110
Chumparun	937	2,635	7,069	3,523	14,164	32,872	524	5,684	1,492	40,572
Shahabad	2,492	3,386	17,083	1,173	24,134	37,701	1,523	22	2,981	42,227
Tipperah	5,064	7,661	15,803	520	29,048	36,018	2,325	9,498	6,413	54,254
Mozufferpore	1,929	4,689	15,083	246	21,947	39,325	1,297	4,302	4,197	49,121
Durbhungah	1,204	3,278	12,447	268	17,197	27,888	693	10,308	3,125	42,014
24-Pergunnahs	8,376	11,669	49,030	8,308	77,383	83,388	4,292	20,268	10,153	118,101
Hazareebaugh	893	1,071	7,802	696	10,462	30,971	674	5,295	3,349	40,289
Lohardugga	1,469	2,970	5,948	1	10,388	8,912	1,260	4,312	8,121	22,605
Manbhoom	1,582	2,106	4,735	2,226	10,649	9,316	1,134	4,518	2,190	17,158
Singhbhoom	121	84	884	...	1,089	6,063	171	...	202	6,436
Darjeeling	248	312	2,547	...	3,107	5,345	420	320	1,236	7,321
Julpigoree	964	1,170	3,836	319	6,289	17,371	722	11,855	5,952	35,900
Total ... Magistrates' Courts ...	128,719	180 968	597,574	51,984	959,245	11,96,946	74,076	3,17,656	1,96,187	1,784,865
Total ... Sessions Courts ...	93	2,798	19,571	465	22,927	3,26,723	...	10,227	24,842	361,792
Total ...	128,812	183,766	617,145	52,449	982,172	1,523,669	74,076	327,883	221,029	2,146,657

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Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases on the last day of the year; the work done; and the receipts and charges of the Courts during the year 1878.

DISTRICT.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all Grades.	MAGISTRATES OF ALL GRADES. Stipendiary.	Honorary.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED. By the High Court.	By Sessions Judges, Additional Joint and Assistant Sessions Judges.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Honorary Magistrates.	By Benches of Magistrates.	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES DECIDED ON APPEAL. By the High Court.	By the Sessions Judges, Additional Joint and Assistant Sessions Judges.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.	Total receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total charges of the Criminal Courts.	REMARKS.
Backergunge ...	3,646	1,887,586	1	4	...	2	12	31	4	...	138	81	3,012	...	174	64	205	61	45,079	74,148	
Beerbhoom ...	1,344	695,921	1	1	...	1	7	8	1	...	26	12	1,518	...	7	3	33	79	13,549	34,879	
Bhagulpore ...	4,268	1,825,484	1	4	...	1	11	31	5	...	25	186	1,440	...	496	19	10	29	13,213	55,900	
Monghyr ...	3,920	1,814,538		3	...		10	43	10	...	33	27	1,910	...	1,253		83	67	21,405	43,257	
Burdwan, East ...	3,523	2,034,745	1	6	...	1	17	97	9	...	43	133	4,362	703	458	7	76	39	48,113	95,773	
Burdwan, West ...	1,422	526,772	1	1	...	1	4	17	2	...	12	89	385	...	156	6	7	10	4,472	24,726	
Chittagong ...	2,322	1,127,402	1	2	...	1	7	12	4	...	40	46	2,009	...	75	17	41	35	17,371	27,162	
Cuttack ...	3,516	1,494,784	1	3	...	1	9	7	1	...	34	91	1,731	76	260	15	84	2	17,385	60,225	
Pooree ...	2,472	769,674		2	...		7	5	1	...	11	100	1,931	...	207		24	19	9,941	44,063	
Balasore ...	2,068	770,232		2	...		7	9	1	...	21	23	1,034	498	90		66	62	11,565	28,640	
Dacca ...	2,899	1,870,256	1	3	...	1	11	32	4	...	85	95	4,367	372	934	26	133	179	59,968	61,415	
Dinagepore ...	4,126	1,501,924	1	1	...	1	11	8	2	...	29	14	969	...	674	27	39	31	14,411	32,071	
Maldah	1,813	676,426		1	...		4	7	2	...	19	99	916	...	70		32	33	7,208	37,900	
Furreedpore ...	2,249	1,502,436	1	3	...	1	10	26	3	...	44	55	2,335	...	510	22	153	53	30,042	51,830	
Gya	4,711	1,947,824	1	4	...	1	13	23	3	...	67	49	1,868	...	844	22	49	38	40,577	59,766	
Hooghly... ...	801	757,499	1	2	...	1	9	53	7	...	36	1	1,988	472	245	15	43	14	18,639	88,899	
Howrah	666	731,057		2	...	1	5	31	3	...	27	242	3,344	...	1,684		62	42	26,154	61,663	
Jessore	3,658	2,075,021	1	6	...	1	14	70	7	...	64	4	3,251	3	904	28	207	88	36,200	67,992	
Midnapore ...	5,08 2	2,545,179	1	4	...	1	11	41	6	...	80	38	2,961	...	614	43	125	40	35,539	75,703	

Moorshedabad ...	2,573	1,349,660	1	4	...	1	11	55	5	..	36	85	2,709	43	245	8	85	28	24,092	63,087
Mymensingh ...	6,299	2,349,917	1	4	...	1	11	15	4	...	41	50	2,637	53	233	25	162	66	49,679	96,261
Noacolly.. ...	1,676	840,376	1	2	...	1	6	10	2	...	47	78	1,864	...	149	20	53	179	31,769	37,253
Nuddea	3,421	1,812,795	1	6	...	1	14	47	7	...	54	5	2,945	...	174	26	107	53	27,027	83,331
Patna	2,101	1,559,638	1	4	...	1	13	25	6	...	75	45	2,864	188	1,035	12	103	60	26,191	67,245
Purnea	4,957	1,714,795	1	2	...	1	10	30	3	...	25	157	1,360	26	213	16	67	48	19,867	46,728
Rajshahye ...	2,234	1,310,729	1	2	...	2	8	8	1	...	29	16	1,616	...	20	24	73	41	34,911	71,106
Pubna	1,978	1,211,594		2	...		8	13	2	...	21	37	1,233	...	91		71	77	17,471	38,678
Rungpore ...	3,476	2,149,972	1	4	...	1	8	29	3	...	48	15	2,112	...	324	35	59	31	25,995	52,325
Bogra	1,501	689,467		1	...		4	7	1	...	35	196	1,096	...	30		40	50	16,947	31,123
Sarun	2,654	2,067,337	1	3	...	1	8	11	2	...	43	34	1,672	...	346	48	71	52	20,535	58,110
Chumparun ...	3,531	1,440,815		2	...		5	6	1	...	38	207	1,109	...	52		38	21	14,164	40,572
Shahabad ...	4,385	1,723,974	1	4	...	1	10	23	5	...	43	9	3,138	...	72	9	177	31	24,134	42,227
Tipperah ...	2,446	1,368,634	1	2	...	1	8	16	2	...	45	1	1,771	...	417	20	70	9	29,048	54,254
Mozafferpore ...	3,004	2,188,382	1	3	...	1	9	44	10	..	39	21	1,522	...	234	27	54	20	21,947	49,121
Durbhungah ..	3,335	2,493,011		3	...		10	40	7	...	23	36	1,276	212	64		30	43	17,197	42,014
24-Pergunnahs ...	2,788	2,210,047	1	9	...	2	30	83	12	...	84	2	7,491	113	496	20	178	64	77,383	118,101
Hazareebagh ...	7,021	770,887	1	2	...	1	8	1	...	...	32	75	1,294	...	...	34	23	10	10,462	40,289
Lohardugga ...	12,044	1,237,123		1	...		11	...	...	...	28	196	1,099	...	...		8	30	10,388	22,605
Manbhoom ...	4,921	995,570		2	...		10	2	...	...	25	87	891	149	...		23	31	10,649	17,158
Singbhoom ...	3,897	318,180		1	..		2	3	1	...	3	87	87	...	70		3	3	1,089	6,436
Darjeeling ...	1,234	94,712	1	2	...	1	5	6	1	...	9	88	636	...	181	4	9	10	3,107	7,321
Julpigooree ...	2,906	418,665		2	...		6	8	1	...	8	31	617	99	16		10	21	6,289	35,900
TOTAL ...	138,888	58,871,040	29	121	...	33	394	1,033	151	..	1,665	2,943	84,370	3,007	14,117	642	2,985	1,899	982,172	2,146,657
Calcutta ...	8	429,535	1	2	12	...	2	48	...	60	...	...	23,370	...	180	9	...	...	62,809	42,715
GRAND TOTAL ...	138,896	59,300,575	30	123	12	34	396	1,081	151	60	1,665	2,943	107,740	3,007	14,297	651	2,985	1,899	1,044,981	2,189,372

Annual Statement—2—(Criminal).

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1878.

Nomenclature of offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases struck off as false.	Under trial during the year.		Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.		Died, escaped, transferred.		Remaining under trial.	
				Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Offences against the State, Chapter 6, Indian Penal Code	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army or Navy, Chapter 7, Indian Penal Code	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful assembly	3	1,281	256	814	3,708	307	1,298	456	2,187	6	10	45	213
Rioting, &c.	4	1,279	107	1,240	5,328	336	1,411	776	3,347	7	17	121	553
Affray	5	171	1	168	563	14	70	154	493	...	...	...	...
Offences by public servants	6	207	14	192	290	99	148	79	124	3	3	11	15
Offences relating to public servants	7	83	4	68	97	22	34	45	61	...	...	1	2
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter 10, Indian Penal Code	8	4,530	112	4,112	7,551	1,242	2,234	2,780	5,163	8	14	82	140
False evidence or subornation, &c., of public servants	9	732	9	709	965	320	456	323	404	5	6	61	99
Offences against public justice	10	2,490	32	2,287	3,103	837	1,178	1,316	1,737	16	20	118	168
Offences relating to coin	11	119	3	111	153	32	51	76	91	...	...	3	11
Offences relating to stamps	12	17	...	15	18	5	7	10	11	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to weights and measures, Chapter 13, Indian Penal Code	13	243	4	223	364	68	120	153	242	...	..	2	2
Offences affecting public health	14	208	12	153	304	44	104	106	197	2	2	1	1
Offences affecting safety	15	516	11	489	733	106	145	372	573	.	...	11	15
Offences affecting convenience	16	860	7	841	1,256	42	72	799	1,184	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting decency and morals	17	204	5	195	343	28	43	167	300	...	...	...	...
Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	17a	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...		...	..
Offences relating to religion, Chapter 15, Indian Penal Code	18	32	2	21	44	8	21	11	18	1	1	1	4
Murder	19	375	56	331	738	145	438	109	174	4	7	73	119
Attempt at murder	20	77	11	68	85	38	47	29	31	1	1	5	6
Culpable homicide	21	294	39	264	576	99	250	110	207	2	2	53	117
Causing death by rash or negligent act	21a	47	4	43	55	18	25	21	26	...	...	4	4
Attempt at culpable homicide	22	10	3	7	8	3	3	4	5	...	...	...	...
Abetment of suicide	23	10	...	10	14	3	6	6	7	.	...	1	1
Attempted suicide	24	426	37	351	353	80	81	259	260	4	4	8	8
Thuggee, &c.	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Causing miscarriage	26	131	23	61	85	39	58	17	18	1	1	4	8
Injury to unborn children	27	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...
Exposure of infants	28	97	8	70	79	22	28	39	41	1	1	8	9
Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	38	1	32	38	4	7	26	28	...	...	2	3
Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	778	106	622	1,084	194	348	375	637	6	8	47	91
Ditto other cases	31	8,726	830	5,700	8,802	1,863	3,071	3,678	5,455	6	12	153	264
Wrongful restraint	32	1,372	321	665	1,100	342	559	308	515	...	2	15	24
Wrongful confinement	33	2,998	1,028	1,264	2,588	719	1,382	487	1,069	6	18	52	119
Criminal force or assault	34	48,429	6,916	18,203	25,726	8,874	12,785	9,018	12,514	10	16	301	412
Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	94	28	61	134	41	103	19	27	...	...	1	4
Ditto other cases	36	203	57	123	234	78	155	40	56	1	5	9	18
Slavery	37	4	3	3	7	3	7	...	...	...	.	...	...
Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	26	2	24	43	13	23	8	11	...	..	3	9
Forced labor	39	5	1	5	8	1	1	4	7	...	...	...	...
Rape	40	344	126	204	308	133	214	59	78	3	3	9	13
Unnatural offence	41	67	8	54	61	32	39	20	20	...	..	2	2
Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	138	20	68	92	14	29	53	61	...	..	1	2

Ditto other cases	43	38,076	8,227	19,622	28,278	6,720	10,714	12,214	16,425	35	38	653	1,101
Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Ditto other cases	45	1,229	272	567	866	378	585	157	239	1	2	31	40
Robbery with hurt	46	11	1	12	19	3	8	8	10	...	...	1	1
Ditto other cases	47	223	70	120	244	45	94	68	126	...	...	7	24
Attempts	48	3	...	2	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacoity with murder	49	4	...	5	17	2	10	2	4	...	...	1	3
Dacoity with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	6	...	6	23	4	17	2	6	...	...	...	...
Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapon	51	3	1	2	8	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto other cases	52	271	81	167	826	93	500	52	207	2	9	20	110
Criminal misappropriation of property	53	986	147	633	904	278	422	330	452	2	2	23	28
Criminal breach of trust	54	2,688	620	1,420	1,673	876	1,052	469	543	6	6	69	72
Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	55	2,451	109	2,384	4,206	581	1,198	1,706	2,799	16	21	81	188
Cheating	56	1,746	396	801	1,040	510	676	226	285	14	14	51	65
Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	57	24	2	21	39	7	12	14	27	...	...	...	...
Mischief with aggravating circumstances	58	1,236	325	590	980	347	588	222	354	4	8	17	30
Ditto other cases	59	7,921	1,342	3,518	5,196	2,107	2,990	1,317	2,067	2	4	92	135
Criminal trespass resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	44	2	15	39	5	12	8	21	...	...	2	6
Ditto for commission of serious offences	61	20,955	2,571	2,790	4,310	823	1,450	1,870	2,725	9	13	88	122
Ditto other cases	62	10,301	1,840	5,561	9,210	2,720	4,458	2,640	4,420	9	16	192	316
Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers	63	203	4	1 0	357	120	253	36	48	4	5	30	51
Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery	64	8	2	6	10	5	9	1	1	...	...	...	...
Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document	65	5	2	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate, or instrument for counterfeiting a trade or property mark	67	4	...	4	6	3	4	1	2	...	...	...	...
Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	68	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of contracts of service, Chapter 19, Indian Penal Code	69	105	15	64	176	34	109	23	62	...	...	2	5
Offences relating to marriage, Chapter 20, Indian Penal Code	70	3,403	773	1,332	1,885	1,038	1,496	224	296	10	13	60	80
Defamation, Chapter 21, Indian Penal Code	71	584	152	213	280	154	199	53	75	...	...	6	6
Criminal intimidation, insult, or annoyance, { The threat being to cause death or grievous hurt	72	103	6	64	87	30	37	30	44	...	...	4	6
Criminal intimidation, insult, or annoyance, { Other cases	73	1,002	199	459	693	250	373	205	315	1	1	3	4
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	...	171,283	28,368	80,444	128,418	33,399	54,332	44,196	68,933	208	304	2,641	4,849
Offences under Local and Special Laws.													
[Breach of the law relating to]													
Arms and Ammunition, Acts 31 of 1860 and 11 of 1878	...	42	...	43	68	11	21	31	45	...	...	1	2
Canals, Drainage and Embankment, Acts 6 and 8 of 1873	...	31	...	30	57	15	30	13	21	...	...	2	6
Cantonments (Military), Act 22 of 1864	...	403	...	403	719	40	70	363	649	...	...	...	...
Cattle Trespass, Act 1 of 1877	...	6,457	800	2,185	3,357	1,121	1,753	1,027	1,552	2	2	35	50
Chowkidari Laws, Regulation 20 of 1817, Acts 20 of 1856 and 6 (B. C.) of 1870	...	85	1	82	144	18	33	64	110	...	1	...	...
Code of Civil Procedure, Act 10 of 1877	...	15	...	14	19	4	9	10	10	...	...	...	...
Code of Criminal Procedure, Act 10 of 1872	...	80	...	80	116	16	20	58	83	1	1	5	12
Contagious Diseases, Act 14 of 1868	...	169	...	169	177	16	18	153	159	...	...	...	...
Contract Workmen, Act 13 of 1859	...	477	52	327	347	74	92	251	253	1	1	1	1
Cruelty to Animals, Act 1 of 1869	...	367	...	367	385	30	34	336	350	...	...	1	1
Customs, Inland, Acts 6 of 1864 and 8 of 1875	...	406	...	404	600	58	93	342	503	...	...	4	4
Customs, Sea, Act 8 of 1878	...	8	...	8	27	1	2	7	25	...	...	...	...
Emigration, Inland, Act 6 (B. C.) of 1873	...	34	...	33	41	9	10	24	31	...	...	...	...
Emigration to Foreign Ports, Act 7 of 1871	...	5	...	5	6	...	...	5	6	...	...	...	...
Excise, Abkaree, Opium, Acts 21 of 1856, 23 of 1876 and 1 and 7 of 1878	...	2,345	31	2,243	2,882	402	587	1,798	2,243	3	4	40	48
Ferries, Regulation 6 of 1819 and Acts 1 of 1866 and 2 of 1873	...	30	...	28	42	8	13	18	27	...	...	2	2
Forests, Act 7 of 1878	...	27	1	21	84	10	36	11	48	...	...	...	...
Gambling, Acts 2 and 3 of 1867	...	301	5	296	985	43	142	251	828	...	1	2	14
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Acts 16 of 1861 and 5 (B. C.) of 1866	...	1,476	...	1,476	1,512	66	87	1,410	1,425	..	...	...	...

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Nomenclature of offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases struck off as false.	Under trial during the year.		Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.		Died, escaped, transferred.		Remaining under trial.	
				Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Offences under Local and Special Laws.— ued.													
[Breach of the Law relating to]													
Inoculation, Act 4 of 1865	...	28	...	28	72	5	12	23	59	...	1	...	...
Irrigation, Act 3 (B. C.) of 1876	...	409	...	262	1,149	84	725	162	383	...	...	16	41
Merchant Shipping, Act 1 of 1859	...	17	...	16	43	4	9	12	34	...	...	...	...
Municipalities, Act 5 (B. C.) of 1876	...	8,119	...	8,091	9,697	1,677	2,067	6,291	7,496	1	1	122	133
Passenger Ships, Act 8 of 1876	...	3	...	3	5	...	...	3	5	...	...	...	...
Pleaders, Act 20 of 1865	...	16	...	16	21	2	2	14	19	...	...	...	...
Police, District, Act 5 of 1861	...	6,769	11	6,629	8,204	414	573	6,190	7,603	2	3	23	25
Police, Road, Act 16 of 1873	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police, Town, Act 2 of 1866	...	1,047	...	1,047	1,245	23	35	1,024	1,210	...	...	...	...
Police, Village, Acts 6 and 10 f 1870	...	433	...	431	542	37	47	393	492	...	2	1	1
Pooree Pilgrims, Act 6 (B. C.) of 1871	...	51	1	50	53	12	15	38	38	...	...	...	...
Poppy Cultivation, Act 13 of 1857	...	20	...	20	48	5	23	15	25	...	...	...	...
Post Office, Act 14 of 1866	...	38	1	35	42	15	17	19	22	...	...	1	3
Prisoners, Acts 2 of 1864, 9 of 1866 and 5 of 1871	...	9	...	8	11	4	6	4	4	...	1	...	...
Prisons, Acts 2 of 1864 and 26 of 1870	...	33	...	34	43	8	11	24	30	...	...	2	2
Railways, Acts 18 of 1854 and 25 of 1871	...	702	7	691	881	108	129	571	746	9	9	3	3
Registration of Births and Deaths, Act 4 (B. C.) of 1873	...	144	...	139	160	17	18	122	142	...	...	...	...
Registration of Documents, Act 3 of 1877	...	59	...	61	128	14	39	40	78	...	1	7	10
Registration of Ships, Act 10 of 1841	...	3	...	3	7	...	1	3	6	...	...	...	...
Road Cess, Act 10 (B. C.) of 1871	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Salt, Acts 7 and 31 of 1861, 7 of 1864 and 8 of 1875	...	853	11	1,153	1,336	79	90	1,073	1,245	...	...	1	1
Stamps, Acts 10 of 1862 und 18 of 1869	...	232	20	212	366	35	57	175	306	...	...	2	3
Telegraphs, Act 1 of 1876	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Tolls, Acts 8 of 1851, 22 of 1856, 5 and 15 of 1864 and 9 of 1871	...	42	...	37	45	1	4	35	40	...	...	1	1
Vagrancy, European, Act 9 of 1874	...	8	...	8	8	...	...	8	8	...	...	...	...
Weights and Measures, Act 31 of 1871	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	...	2	...	2	3	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...
Total offences under local and special laws	...	31,830	941	27,193	35,680	4,486	6,924	22,416	28,365	19	28	272	363
Grand Total	...	2,03,113	29,309	1,07,637	1,64,098	37,885	61,256	66,612	97,298	227	332	2,913	5,212

Annual Statement—3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1878.

Nature of Proceedings.	Number of cases during the year.	Number of persons concerned.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XVI, section 209, C. C. P. . .	986	1015	29	978	
2. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter XXVI	18	38	18	16	
3. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XXVIII . .	801	1271	88	1161	
4. Non-attendance of jurors or assessors, Chapter XXIX, section 414 . .	10	11	3	8	
5. Contempts of Court under Chapter XXXII	253	279	17	262	
Preventive Jurisdiction.					
6. Dispersion of unlawful assemblies under Chapter XXXVI, C. C. P. .	10	10	3	7	
7. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVII to prevent breach of the peace .	2,432	6,083	1,413	4,411	
8. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVIII, security for good behaviour . .	1,123	1,169	365	777	
9. Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter XXXIX	1,145	1,752	122	1,206	
10. Possession, Chapter XL . . .	503	...	...	...	
11. Maintenance, Chapter XLI . .	1,160	900	402	352	
Total .	8,441	12,528	2,460	9,178	

Annual Statement—4—(Criminal).

Statement shewing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various classes in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1878.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of									Persons remaining at the end of year.	Total number of cases disposed of.						Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	Remarks.
	Remaining at the end of last year.	Brought to trial during present year.						Total.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted				Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, or transferred.			Enquiries under chapter XV, and Sessions trials.	Summons Cases.		Warrant Cases.		Total number of Cases.			
		Under arrest by Police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.				On regular trial.		On summary trial.							Tried regularly.	Summarily.	Tried regularly.	Summarily.				
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.													
I.—MAGISTRATES.																											
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Subordinate Magistrates: Special Magistrates under section 42	...	...	13	924	229	...	...	1,166	486	249	390	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	253	...	...	...	...	253	1	969	
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates, 2nd and 3rd class, sitting singly	41	493	108	3,018	63	...	...	3,722	189	912	2,016	...	...	562	...	1	72	...	1,901	385	349	...	...	2,635	6	6,517	
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates, 1st class, sitting singly	...	1	57	300	68	...	...	426	53	50	...	323	...	...	...	...	...	...	316	...	56	...	...	372	1	1,173	
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates, 2nd and 3rd class, sitting singly	1,381	21,197	2,333	21,369	752	2	5	47,039	7,142	11,282	25,033	1,273	...	26	794	63	1,426	274	18,126	32	11,600	...	...	30,052	11	115,279	
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates, 1st class, sitting singly	2,668	49,079	6,175	28,876	2,031	4	5	88,838	13,735	16,594	13,131	23,592	1,279	12,801	2,534	230	2,942	1,514	19,326	7,015	19,852	6,608	1,491	54,315	11	224,151	
Subordinate Magistrates: Benches of Magistrates	176	4,153	715	13,019	230	...	...	18,293	1,466	4,667	3,226	657	1,941	6,096	36	4	200	4	2,973	8,990	659	1,491	...	14,117	6	30,646	
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under section 46	...	...	...	...	...	347	...	347	10	33	264	35	...	...	2	...	3	2	24	...	209	...	...	235	10	304	
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers	99	2,158	234	1,587	69	38	2	4,207	517	606	586	853	153	1,128	165	9	101	96	736	664	779	418	...	2,693	9	8,772	
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special powers under section 36	...	47	...	3	1	...	...	51	4	14	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	...	10	9	62	
Total	4,355	77,158	9,635	69,096	3,442	391	12	1,64,089	23,572	36,497	44,679	26,732	3,373	20,613	3,531	307	4,785	1,890	43,677	17,096	33,512	8,517	...	104,682	10	387,773	
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																											
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	332	1	1	...	...	3,207	2	3,543	20	1,126	1,820	11	...	...	114	25	427	1,666	...	...	...	...	...	1,666	41	13,178	
Total	332	1	1	...	...	3,207	2	3,543	20	1,126	1,820	11	...	...	114	25	427	1,666	...	...	...	...	...	1,666	41	13,178	
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																											
Cases referred to the Court: Under section 263 C. C. P.	4	...	...	...	...	47	...	51	...	25	...	24	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	
Cases referred to the Court: Under section 297 C. C. P.	14	...	...	...	...	67	...	81	...	15	...	59	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	
Cases coming before the Court under sections 64, 75, and 76 C. P. C. and section 147, High Courts' Act	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	18	369	
Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	1	...	1	...	...	99	...	101	...	34	...	65	...	...	...	...	2	60	...	...	...	...	...	60			
Total	19	...	1	...	...	216	...	236	...	75	...	150	...	...	...	...	11	63	...	...	...	...	...	142	...	369	
Grand Total	4,706	77,159	9,637	69,096	3,442	3,814	14	167,868	23,592	37,698	46,499	26,893	3,373	20,613	3,645	332	5,223	3,619	43,677	17,096	33,512	8,517	...	1,06,490	...	401,320	

Annual Statement—5—(Criminal).

Statement shewing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1878.

Class of Tribunal	Persons sentenced to: Death	Transportation: For life	Transportation: For a term	Imprisonment: Penal servitude	Imprisonment: Rigorous: With solitary confinement	Imprisonment: Rigorous: Without solitary confinement	Imprisonment: Simple	Forfeiture of Property	Fine: With imprisonment	Fine: Without imprisonment	Whipping: In addition to other punishment	Whipping: In lieu of other punishment	Persons ordered to find or give: Sureties of the peace	Recognizance	Sureties for good behaviour	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour: One year and under	Three years and under
I.—MAGISTRATES.																	
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Special Magistrates under section 41.	...	...	...	...	...	15	9	...	4	366	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd & 3rd class.	...	...	...	...	...	181	3	...	66	2,401	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	304	...	...	12	1	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd & 3rd class.	...	...	...	...	17	7,428	266	3	1,748	17,957	76	788	18	194	4	4	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	38	17,498	569	5	2,990	30,237	303	2,448	1,635	203	659	558	29
Subordinate Magistrates: Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	1,046	29	...	231	10,814	15	147	16	17	3	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—cases referred under section 46.	...	...	...	...	4	248	...	...	23	1	18	28	...	...	...	1	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers.	...	...	...	...	2	958	78	...	144	1,463	21	174	100	215	112	88	11
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special powers under section 36.	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	61	27,413	931	8	5,206	63,542	333	3,586	1,781	2,630	777	651	40
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																	
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges.	...	176	90	...	4	1,518	9	...	127	22	6	12	...	...	1	...	1
Total	...	176	90	...	4	1,518	9	...	127	22	6	12	...	...	1	...	1
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																	
Cases referred to the Court: Under section 263, C. C. P.	1	3	2	...	...	18	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases referred to the Court: Under section 287, C. C. P.	49	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases coming before the Court under sections 64, 75, and 76, C. P. C., and section 147, High Courts' Act	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates.	1	...	9	...	...	53	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	51	9	15	...	...	73	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	58	185	105	...	65	29,004	992	8	5,334	63,565	339	3,598	1,781	2,630	778	651	41

Class of Tribunal	Detail of punishment: Fine: Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines.	Amount realised.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Imprisonment: 15 days and under: Rigorous.	Simple.	6 months and under: Rigorous.	Simple.	2 years and under: Rigorous.	Simple.	7 years and under: Rigorous.	Simple.	Above 7 years: Rigorous.	Simple.	Whipped: 10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special Magistrates under section 41.	340	30	...	...	...	...	2,061	2,292	...	15	3	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd & 3rd class.	2,116	51	...	...	...	...	5,706	5,215	502	115	3	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	270	34	...	...	...	...	2,197	2,197	46	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd & 3rd class.	16,502	3,073	89	41	...	...	1,86,631	1,33,558	12,330	1,999	168	5,380	94	66	1	...	...	...	...	297	40	168	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	25,279	7,209	476	224	36	34	4,62,024	3,76,510	28,965	2,391	330	10,654	247	4,475	22	45	...	2	...	967	1,140	540	15
Benches of Magistrates	10,243	782	14	6	...	...	43,254	39,512	3,156	396	23	581	6	69	...	...	...	...	...	69	70	33	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—cases referred under section 46.	3	18	...	2	1	...	1,960	1,318	34	8	...	79	...	165	...	...	...	...	...	8	21	17	1
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers.	1,298	261	32	13	3	...	24,619	15,944	1,780	132	67	459	11	352	...	17	...	...	...	81	78	36	1
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special powers under section 36.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	17	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	56,351	11,458	611	286	40	3	6,98,452	5,76,546	46,813	5,025	594	17,226	364	5,144	23	75	...	2	...	1,422	1,710	782	17
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges.	10	86	21	27	5	...	17,725	19,652	15,150	7	1	166	6	412	2	885	...	72	...	3	11	4	6
Total	10	86	21	27	5	...	17,725	19,652	15,150	7	1	166	6	412	2	885	...	72	...	3	11	4	6
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
Cases referred to the Court: Under section 263, C. C. P.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	17	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Cases referred to the Court: Under section 287, C. C. P.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases coming before the Court under sections 64, 75, and 76, C. P. C., and section 147, High Courts' Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	1	26	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	1	28	...	34	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	56,361	11,544	632	314	45	3	7,16,177	5,96,198	61,963	5,032	596	17,403	371	5,584	25	974	...	76	...	1,425	1,721	786	23

N. B.—Cases in which persons were sentenced to death by Sessions Judges are not shown in this statement, as the result of the references made in these cases is shown against the High Court, so far as decided during the year.

Annual Statement—6—(Criminal).

Statement shewing the result of Appeal, Reference and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Lower Province of Bengal during the year 1878.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of Appeals, References and Applications for Revision dealt with, including pending from last year.		Appeals or Applications rejected under Section 278.		Number of Persons							Total number of cases and persons disposed of, including entries in columns 4 to 12.		Abated on death, escape, or other cause.		Pending.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Sentences confirmed.	Sentences reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentences reversed.	Sentences enhanced.	Proceedings quashed.	New trials or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
APPEALS																	
TO — FROM																	
Magistrates of District or other Magistrate authorized under Section 266. — Benches of Magistrates	64	111	9	13	38	2	36	6	...	13	...	61	108	...	...	3	3
Magistrates of District or other Magistrate authorized under Section 266. — Magistrates sitting singly	1,942	3,379	108	148	1,815	358	675	129	24	64	3	1,838	3,216	...	...	104	163
Courts of Session — Benches of Magistrates	29	41	11	13	14	2	8	3	...	1	...	29	41	...	...	...	...
Courts of Session — Magistrates sitting singly	3,081	5,287	729	956	2,202	558	1,071	140	50	64	7	2,956	5,048	5	12	120	227
Courts of Session — Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts — by persons convicted — Deputy Commissioners, acting under Section 36, C. P. C.	7	10	4	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	7	...	...	1	3
Superior Courts — by persons convicted — Sessions Judges	668	1,161	376	614	315	85	85	1	...	6	...	634	1,106	2	2	32	53
Superior Courts — by persons convicted — Presidency Magistrate	9	9	6	6	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts — by Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 272 — All Courts	3	8	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	6
Total	5,803	10,006	1,243	1,754	4,387	1,005	1,880	279	74	148	10	5,535	9,537	7	14	261	455
REFERENCES																	
TO — BY																	
Courts of Session — Deputy Commissioners, cases referred under Section 36	8	12	...	...	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	8	12	...	...	...	...
Courts of Session — Assistant Judges, cases referred under Section 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts* — Courts of Session, cases referred under Section 287	60	81	...	...	49	13	12	...	...	...	...	54	74	...	...	6	7
Total	68	93	...	...	59	15	12	...	...	...	...	62	86	...	...	6	7
REVISION																	
BY — OF ORDER OF																	
District Magistrates — Subordinate Magistrates	788	876	392	409	187	...	22	...	27	135	51	745	831	1	1	42	44
Courts of Session — Magistrates	740	1,211	370	570	214	...	...	...	...	77	181	692	1,042	...	...	48	169
High Court (cases referred for orders under Section 296). — Magistrates	232	405	...	...	167	23	130	...	7	53	...	215	390	...	...	17	25
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 294). — Magistrates	206	402	131	269	52	4	52	...	1	2	...	201	390	4	11	1	1
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 294). — Courts of Sessions	28	49	8	11	...	4	4	...	...	2	...	14	21	13	24	1	4
Total	1,994	2,943	901	1,259	620	31	208	...	35	279	232	1,867	2,664	18	36	109	243
GRAND TOTAL	7,865	13,042	2,144	3,013	5,066	1,051	2,100	279	109	427	242	7,464	12,287	25	50	376	705

* Five references from the Presidency Magistrates under Section 240, Act IV of 1877, and one reference from the Special Court in British Burma, under Section 90, Act XVII of 1875, also came before the High Court. All of these were decided during the year.

Annual Statement—7—(Criminal).

Statement shewing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1878.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases tried with Assessors.	Jury Trials.					Assessors' Trials.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under section 263 C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under section 263 C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
Magistrates' Court under Chapter XXXIX C. P. C. — Jurors...	.....	38	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session ... — Jurors . / Assessors	Number of Jurors 3, 5, 7, or 9. Number of Assessors, 2 or more. Qualifications as described in sections 404, 405 & 406, Code of Criminal Procedure.	399	1,165*	352	32	15	42	133	893	91	181	All offences, including abetments and attempts, falling under chapters 8, 11, 16, 17 and 18 of the Indian Penal Code, are tried by Jury in the Districts of Burdwan, Dacca, Hooghly, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, Patna and 24 Pergunnahs. Other cases in the Lower Provinces are tried with the aid of Assessors.
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction ... — Jurors	Nine Jurors. Qualification as described in Rule 2 of the Jury Rules.	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	.....	500	1,165	390	32	15	42	133	93	91	181	

* Exclusive of cases in which opinions of Assessors were not taken and other cases in which prisoners were discharged under section 251 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.